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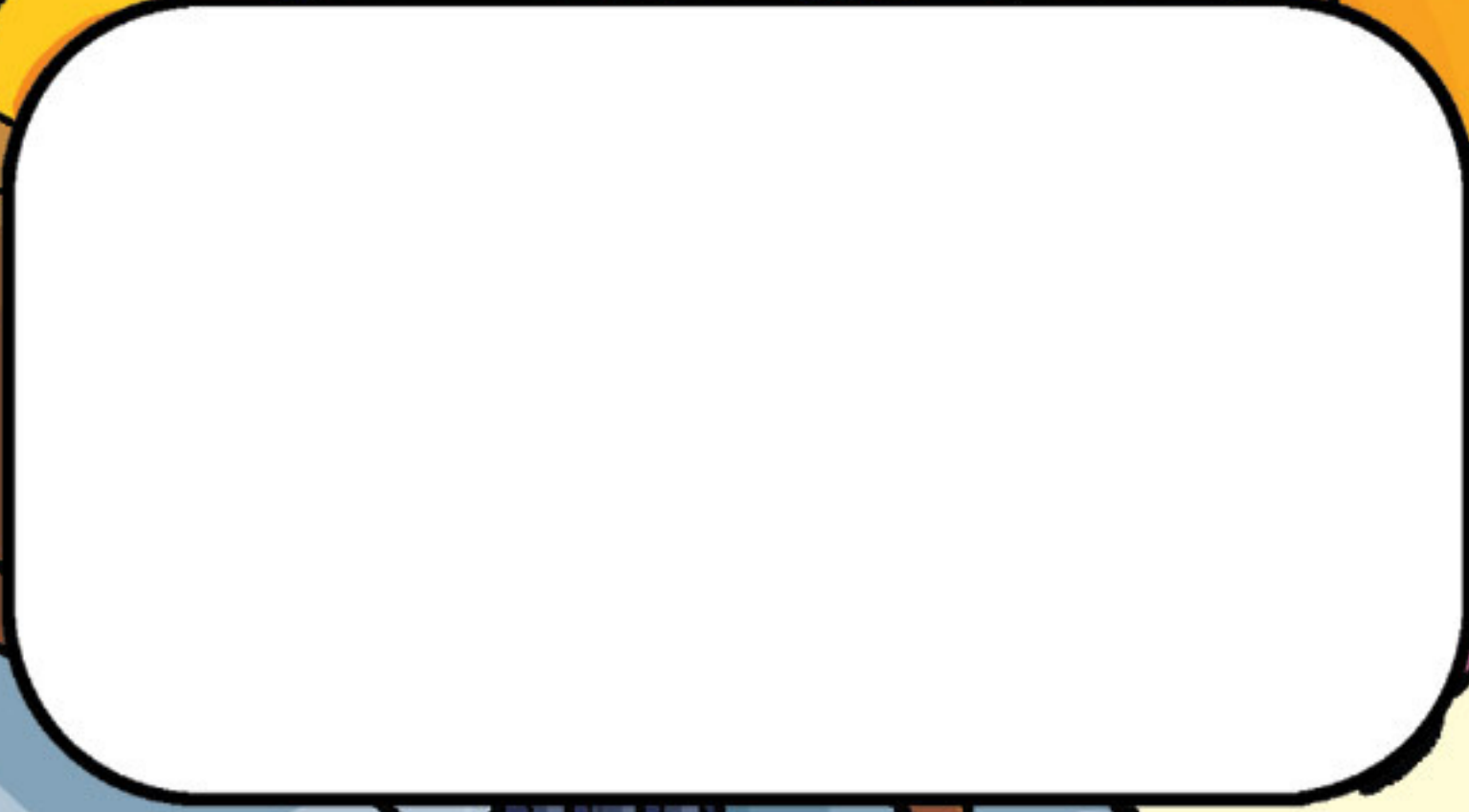
THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!

SONIC



THE HEDGEHOG

Play on Play



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**D**ESPITE ALL THE DESTRUCTION AND DEFOLIATION THAT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAS ENABLED FOR THE PAST ELEVEN YEARS, TWO MONTHS, ONE WEEK, FOUR DAYS, THIRTEEN HOURS, FORTY-TWO MINUTES, AND THIRTY-SEVEN POINT SIX SECONDS SINCE SEIZING CONTROL OF MOBOTROPOLIS--

-- MUCH OF THE WORLD'S ENVIRONMENT REMAINS UNTOUCHED.

OVER VAST STRETCHES OF LAND, ENTIRE FAMILIES CAN STILL COMMUNE WITH NATURE.

THIS CURRENT STATE OF NON-PRODUCTIVITY CAN BEST BE SUMMED UP IN THREE WORDS...

**SONIC**  
THE HEDGEHOG™

OR, MORE  
SUCCINCTLY--

--HOW IS IT  
HE ALWAYS  
GETS THE  
BETTER  
OF ME?

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# DOCTOR ROBOTNIK ENGAGE!

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT *TEENAGERS*, ADAM!

THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY KNOWN FOR *RATIONALITY* AND *LOGIC*!

NOTHING BUT *EMOTION* AND *HORMONES*, WHICH MAKES THEM ANYTHING BUT *PREDICTABLE*!

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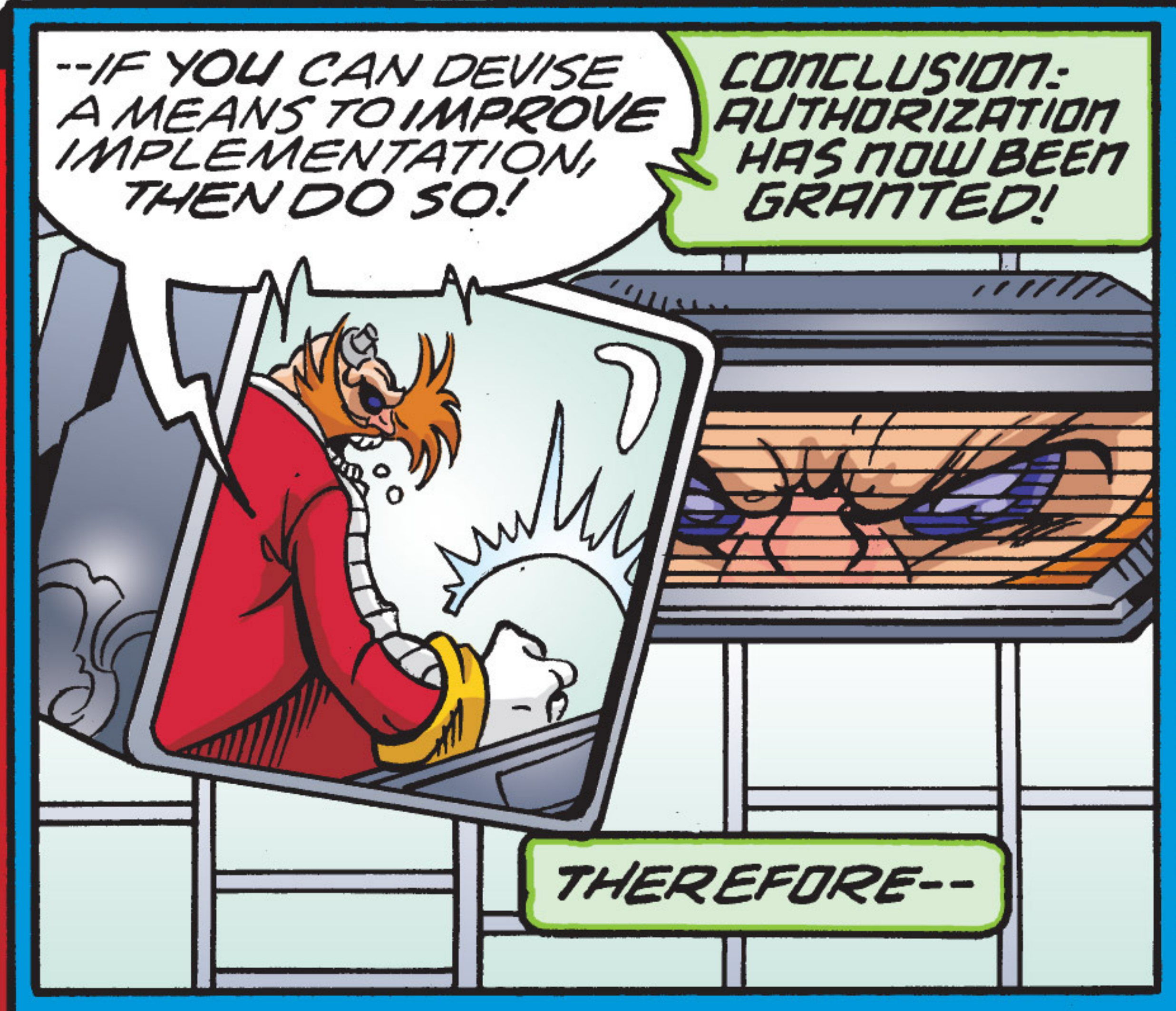
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QUERY: WOULD IT NOT BE MORE PRODUCTIVE TO FOCUS YOURSELF TOWARD THE STATED OBJECTIVE?

AT YOUR PRESENT RATE, IT WILL BE ANOTHER 116 YEARS, 11 MONTHS, 3 DAYS, 6 HOURS, 31 MINUTES, AND 15 POINT 4 SECONDS BEFORE ATTAINING COMPLETE WORLD DOMINATION.



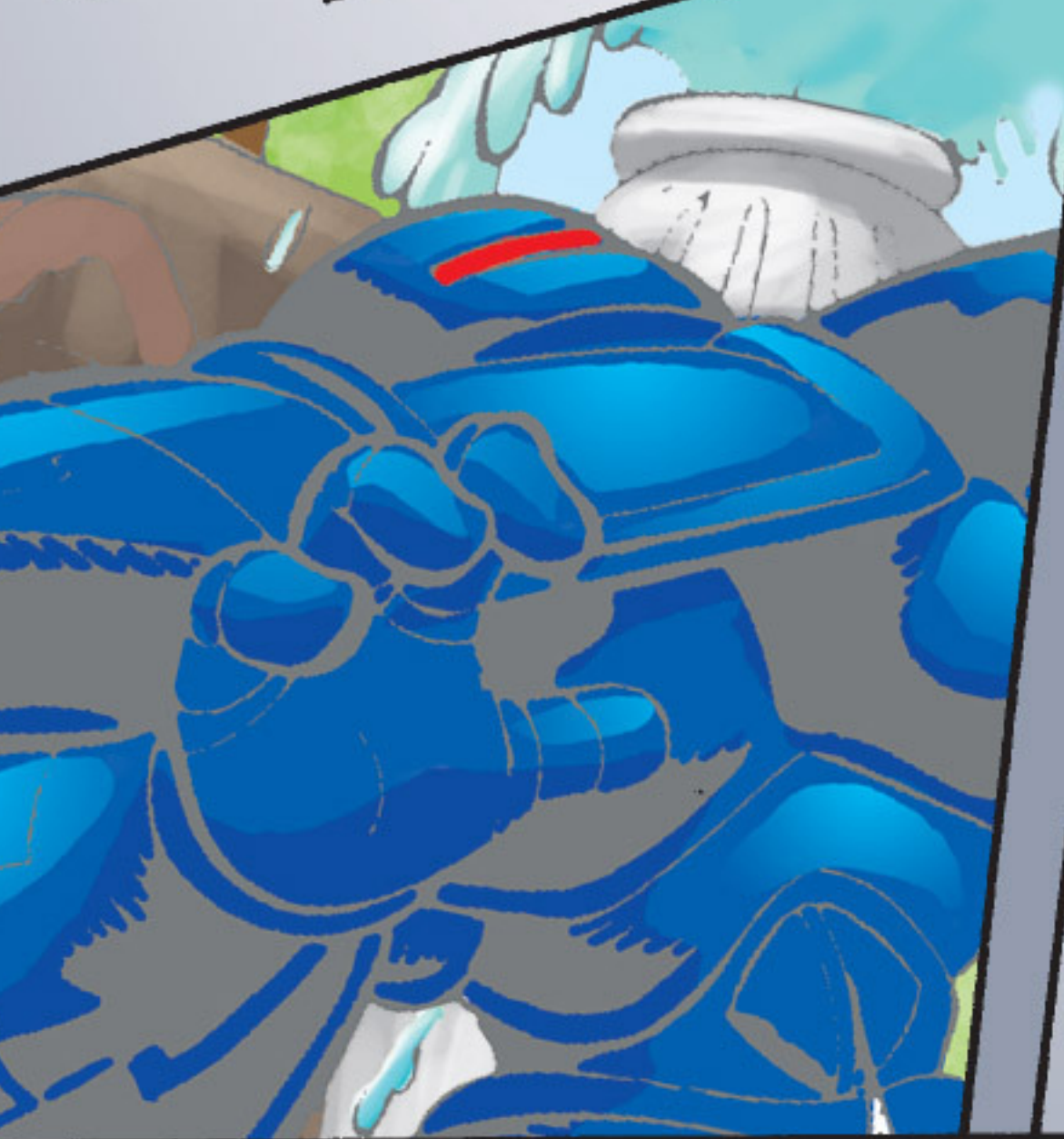






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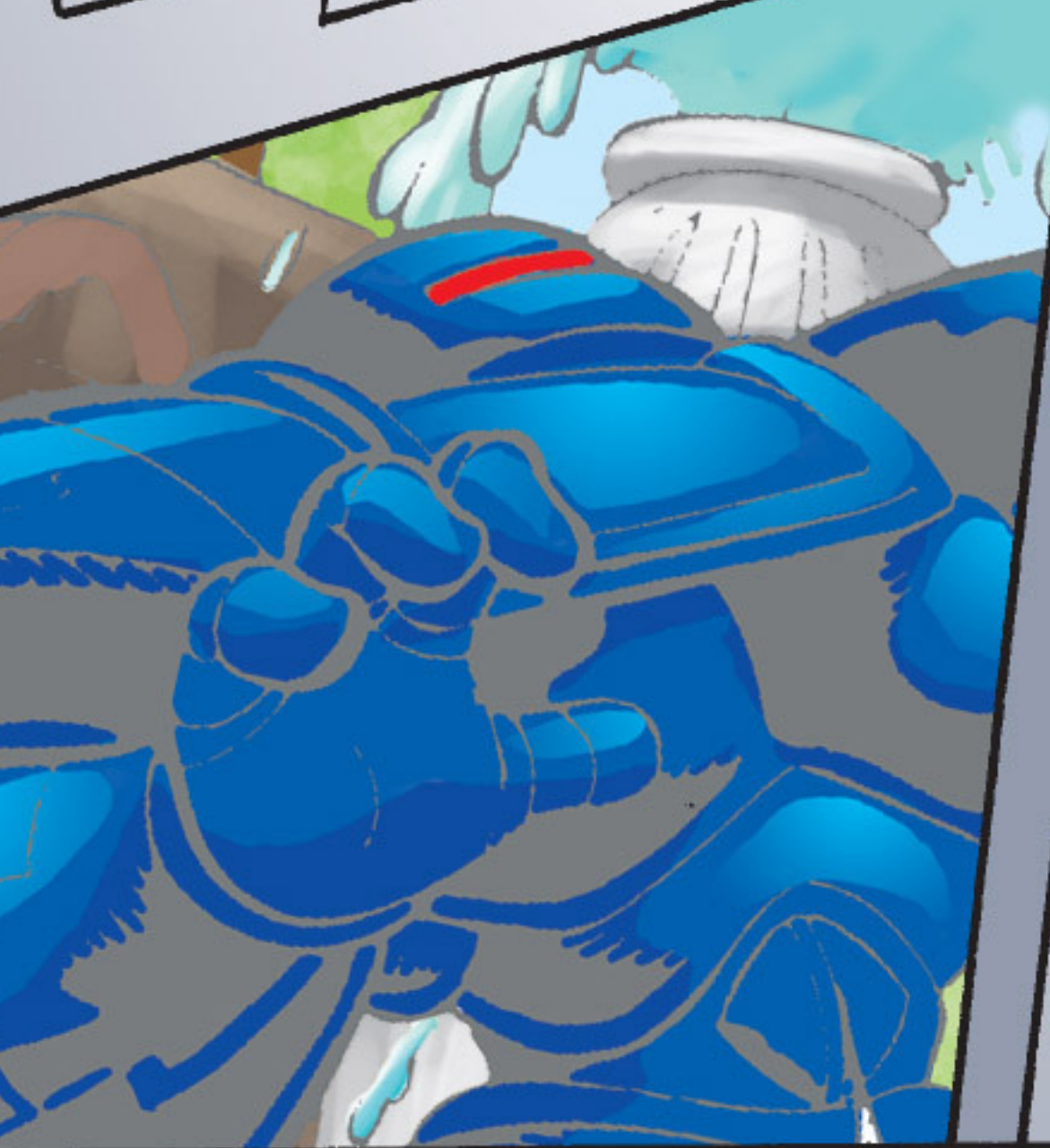
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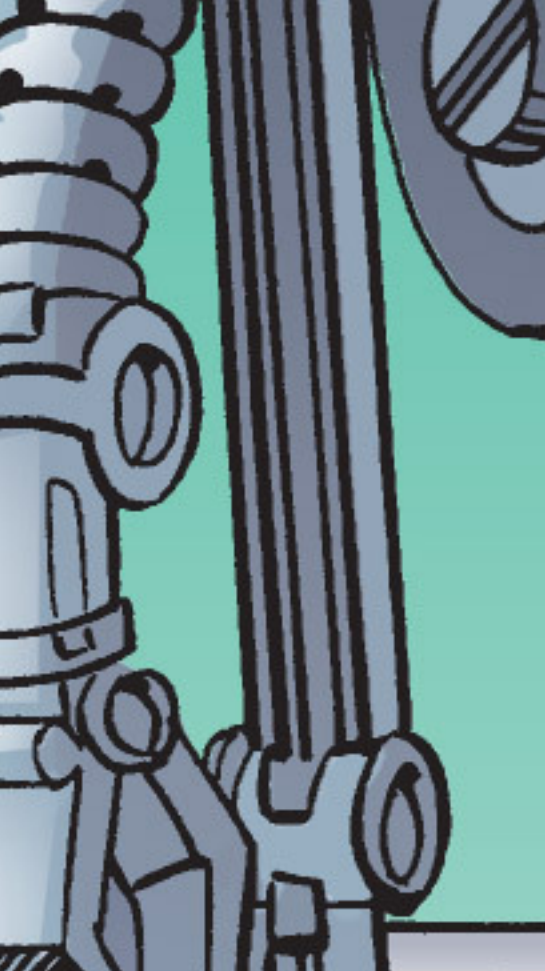
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OPTION TWO: THE POD CHAMBER. DRAWBACK: TOO EARLY FOR INTERFACE WITH ANYONE BEYOND THEIR IMMEDIATE ENVIRONMENT.

ENT  
FA  
HE



**LEAVING OPTION  
THREE: UNLEASH-  
ING THE NANO-  
TECHNOLOGY--**

"--AND ALLOW IT TO INCREASE EXPONENTIALLY IN AN UNRESTRICTED ENVIRONMENT!"

WHAT AN ODD SOUND!

**ХЛК-КЛАК-ХЛК КЛАК-Х**

WE HAVEN'T  
COME ACROSS  
A SOUL THE  
PAST SEVERAL  
HOURS--

--SO IT'S HARD TO  
IMAGINE WHAT  
**COULD BE**  
MAKING IT!

MAYBE  
IT'S THE  
**BIRDS**  
CHIRP-  
ING,  
MA!

KLIK  
KLAK  
KLIK  
KLAK



OR *BEEES!* THEY CAN GET AWFUL LOUD!

I DOUBT EITHER THE BIRDS OR THE BEEES COULD MAKE A *RACKET* LIKE THAT.

THEN WHAT?

IK-KLK-KLAK-KLK-KLAK-KLK-KLAK-KLK

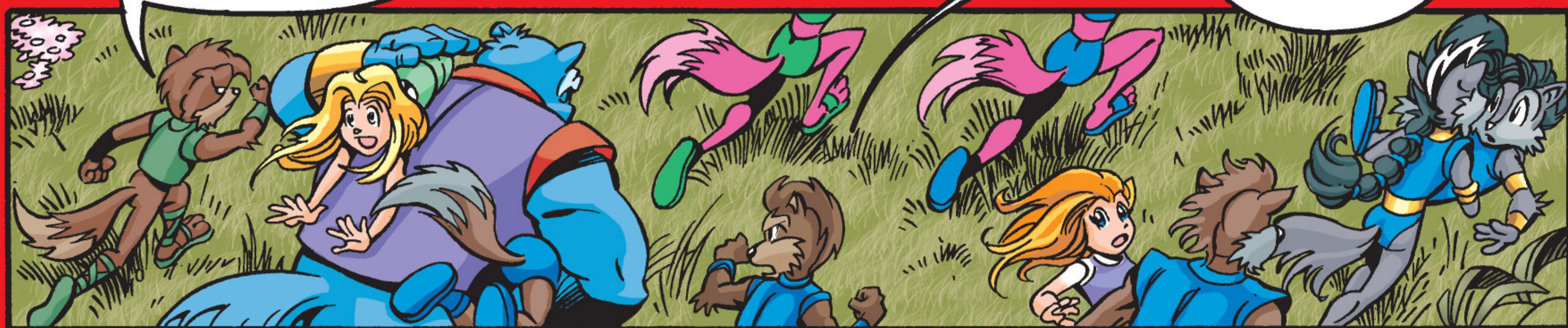
GREAT THUNDER OF AURORA!

WE'RE GOING TO BE TRAPPED!

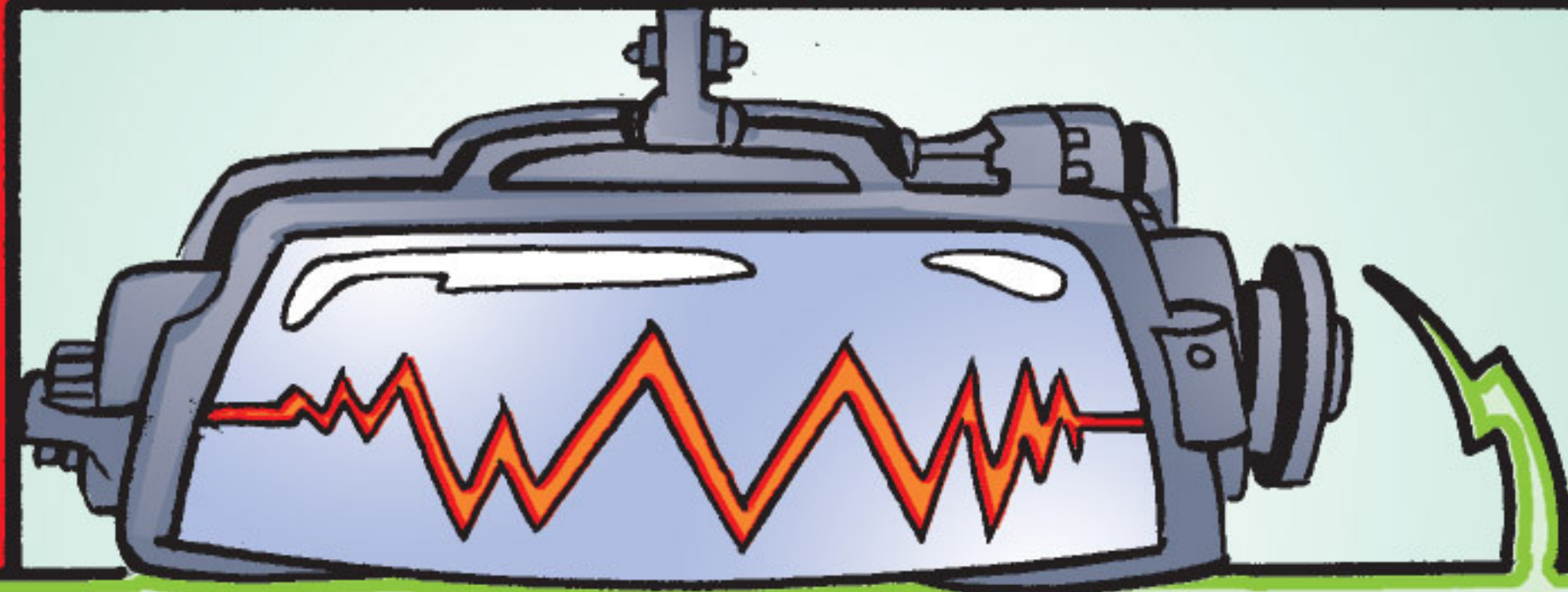
RUN!

WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S RELENTLESS!

NEVER MIND THE ANALYSIS! JUST KEEP GOING!



NOOOO!



PREDICTION: OBJECTIVE WILL BE ACHIEVED WITHIN THE NEXT 118 HOURS, 23 MINUTES, AND 41 POINT 9 SECONDS.

ENGAGE!



# SONIC

## THE HEDGEHOG

HAS JUST LEARNED SOMETHING IS UP, AND FINDS EVERYONE GATHERED IN A SPECIAL BUNKER LOCATED UNDER THE SURFACE OF KNOTHOLE.

DID I MISS ANYTHING?

ONLY MY EXPLANATION OF HOW WE'RE RECEIVING THIS LIVE VIDEO FEED!

SUFFICE IT TO SAY, WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT IS ACTUALLY TRANSPIRING EVEN AS WE SPEAK!

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IN THE FUTURE, EVERYONE, WHEN A MEETING IS CALLED--

--IT'S *NOT* CONDUCTED ON SONIC TIME!

OUCH! WISH I KNEW IF THAT WAS AIMED AT ME BECAUSE OF ME--



--OR MY EVIL DOUBLE!\*

OVER HERE, SUGAH HOG!

\*SEE THE PREVIOUS TWO ISSUES FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

GETTING BACK TO THE MATTER AT HAND--

--THIS APPEARS TO BE THE UTILIZATION OF A **TECHNOLOGY** WE CAN ONLY GUESS AT--

--WHEREBY THE **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT** IS **TERRAFORMED** INTO A **SPRAWLING ARTIFICIAL DEVELOPMENT!**

THIS **SATELLITE TRANSMISSION** COURTESY OF **LOCKE** SHOWS THAT WHATEVER THIS THING IS--

--ORIGINATED IN **MEGAOPOLIS** AND IS RAPIDLY SPREADING **OUTWARD** IN EVERY DIRECTION!

OUR CURRENT PROJECTIONS ESTIMATE--

--THAT IT WILL REACH **KNOTHOLE** IN 24 HOURS!

AND AT ITS PRESENT RATE OF SPEED, THE **ENTIRE SURFACE OF MOBIUS** WILL BE COVERED IN UNDER A **WEEK!**

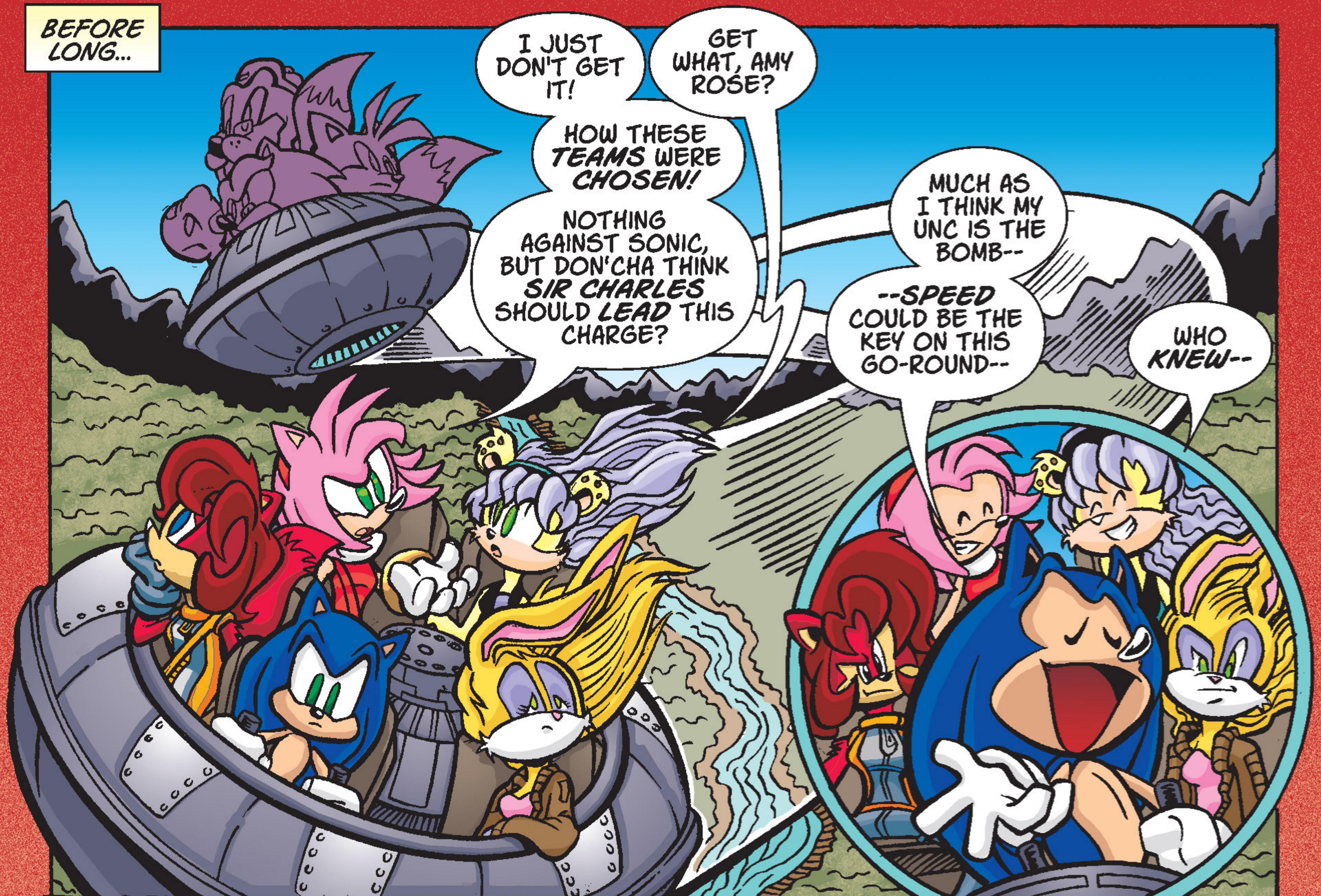
ANY QUESTIONS?

JUST ONE--

HOW DO WE STOP THIS THING?



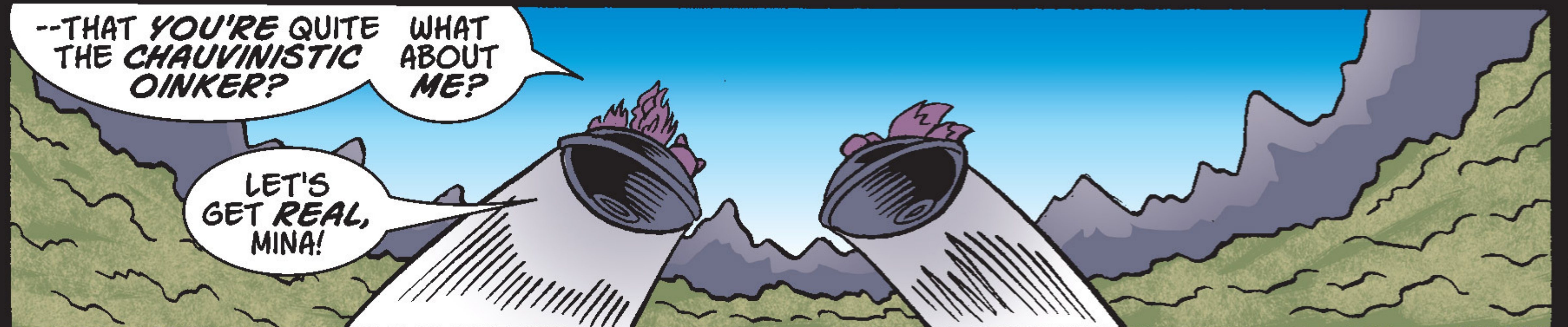
BEFORE  
LONG...



--THAT YOU'RE QUITE THE CHAUVINISTIC OINKER?

WHAT ABOUT ME?

LET'S GET REAL, MINA!



HOW MANY MISSIONS HAVE YOU BEEN ON COMPARED TO ME?

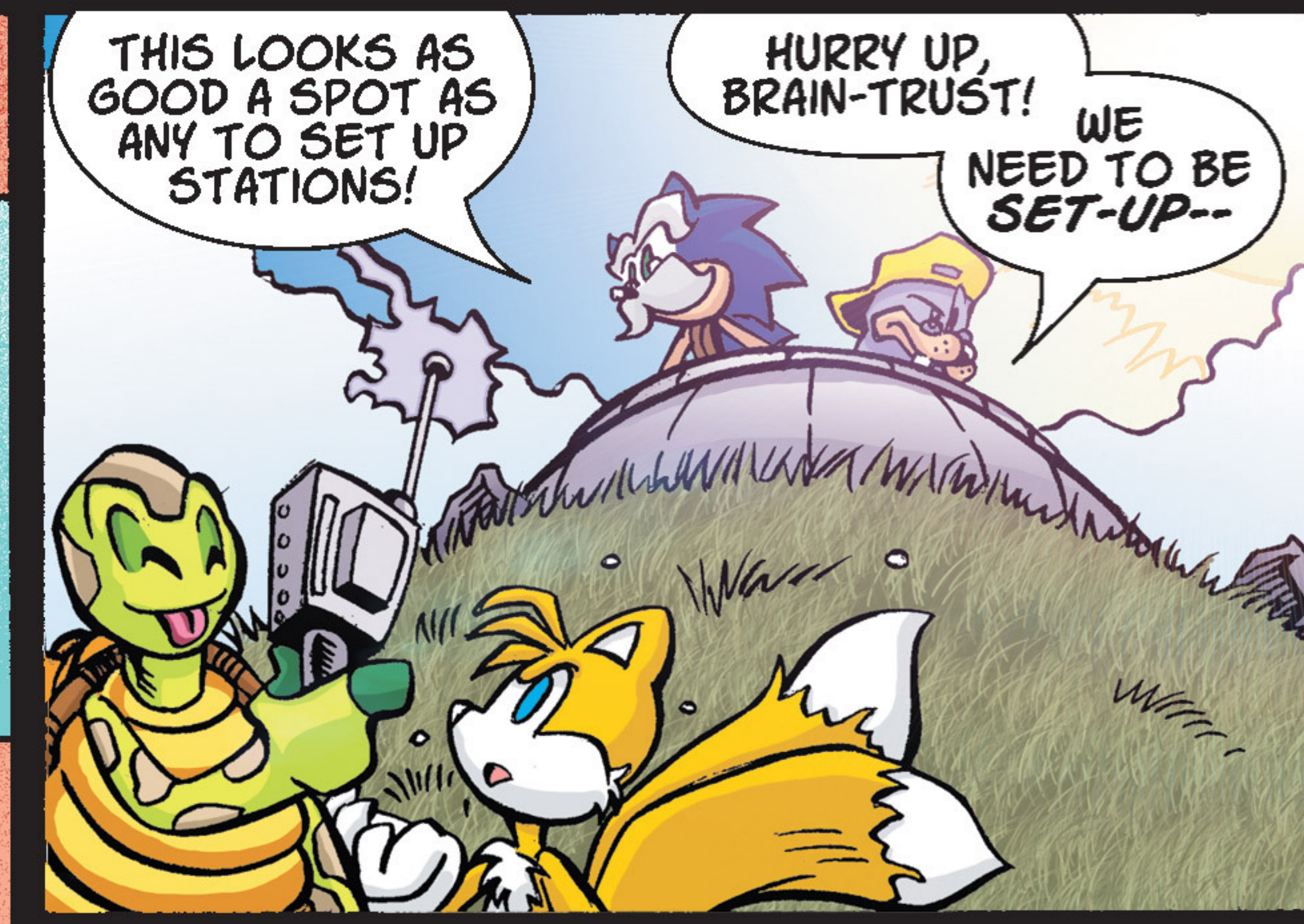
YEAH, I THOUGHT SO!



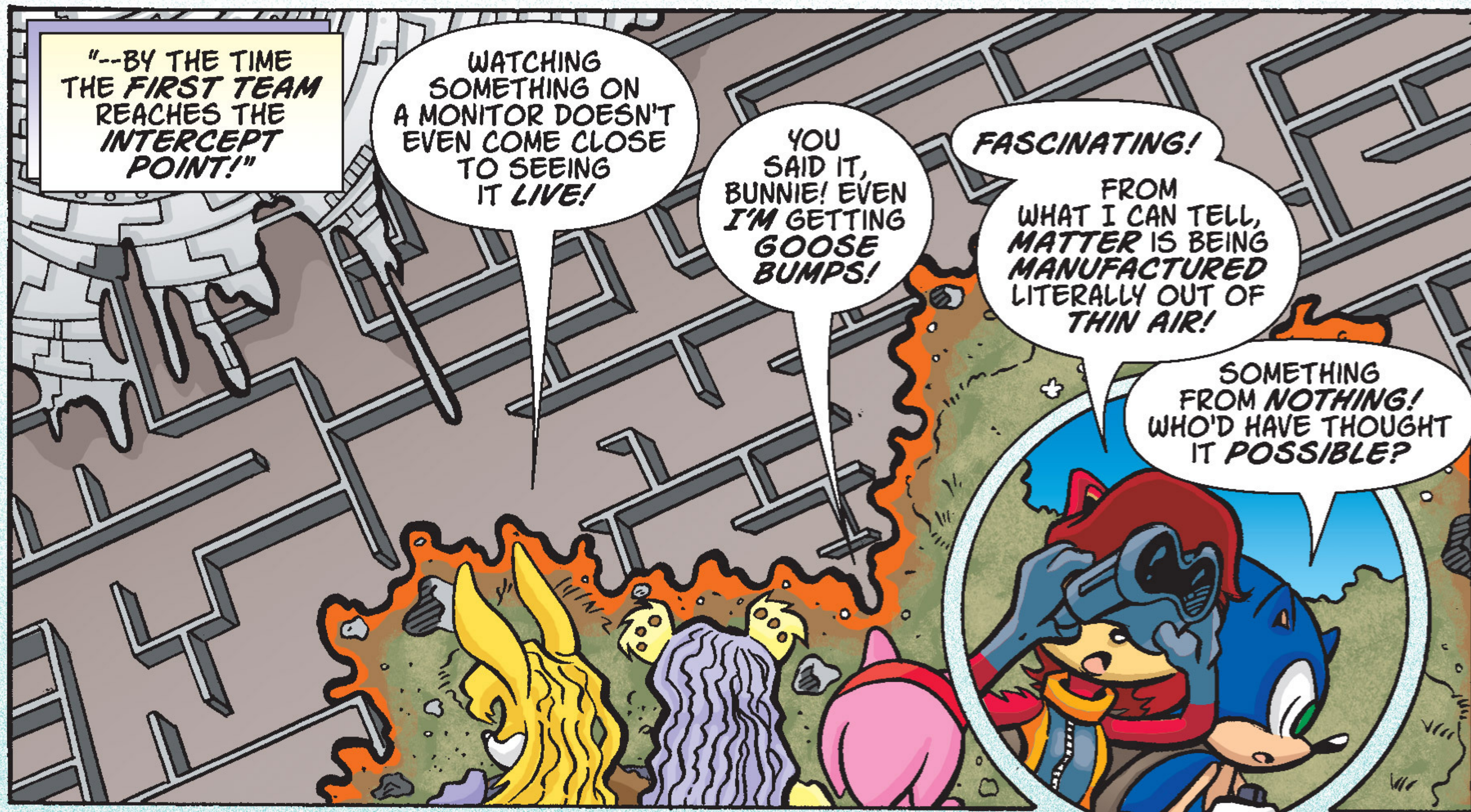
THIS LOOKS AS GOOD A SPOT AS ANY TO SET UP STATIONS!

HURRY UP, BRAIN-TRUST!

WE NEED TO BE SET-UP--







"--BY THE TIME  
THE **FIRST TEAM**  
REACHES THE  
**INTERCEPT**  
**POINT!**"

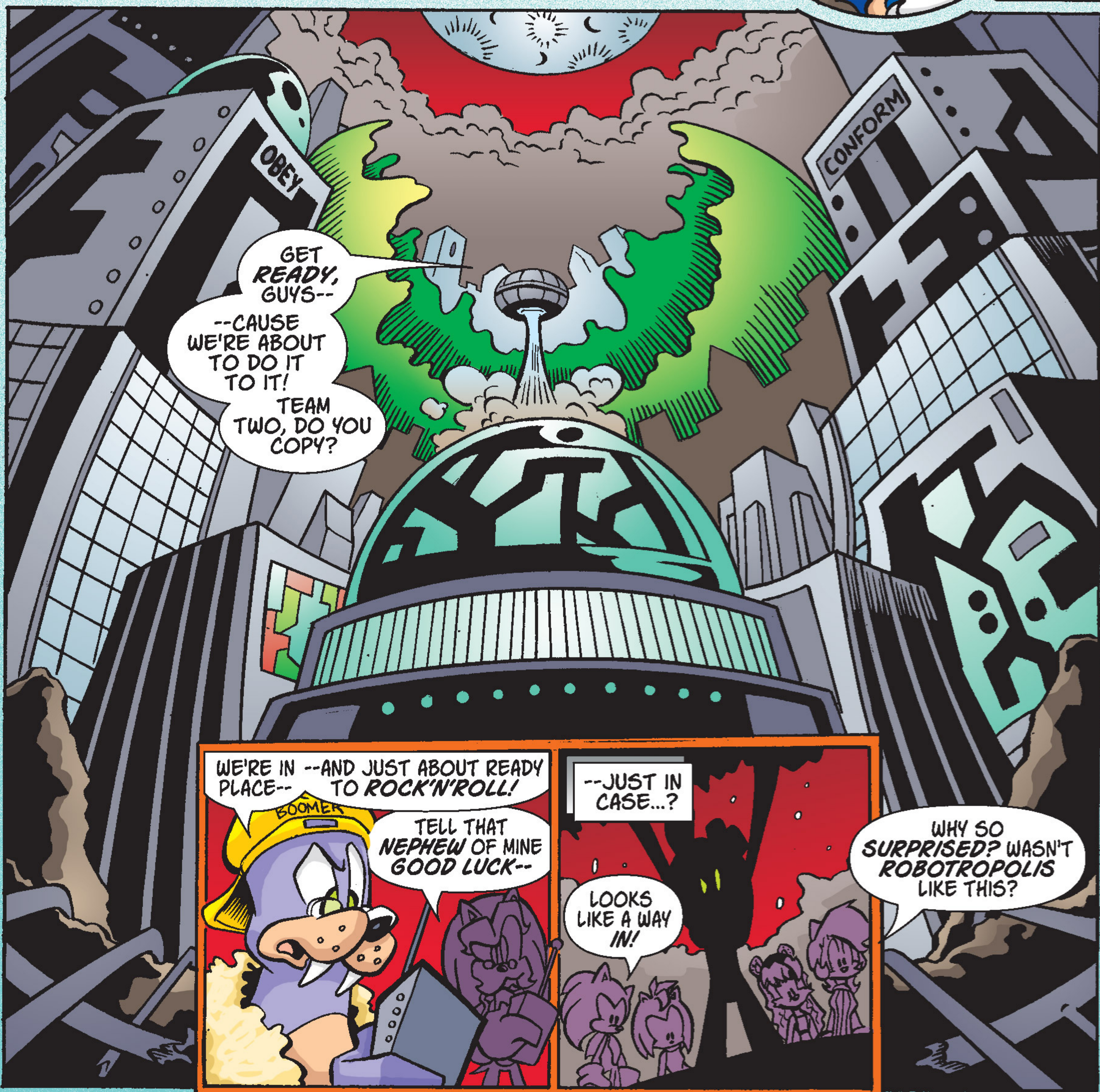
WATCHING  
SOMETHING ON  
A MONITOR DOESN'T  
EVEN COME CLOSE  
TO SEEING  
IT **LIVE!**

YOU  
SAID IT,  
BUNNIE! EVEN  
I'M GETTING  
**GOOSE**  
**BUMPS!**

**FASCINATING!**

FROM  
WHAT I CAN TELL,  
**MATTER** IS BEING  
**MANUFACTURED**  
LITERALLY OUT OF  
**THIN AIR!**

SOMETHING  
FROM **NOTHING!**  
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT  
IT **POSSIBLE?**



GET  
**READY,**  
GUYS--

--CAUSE  
WE'RE ABOUT  
TO DO IT  
TO IT!

TEAM  
TWO, DO YOU  
COPY?

WE'RE IN --AND JUST ABOUT READY  
PLACE-- TO **ROCK'N'ROLL!**

TELL THAT  
NEPHEW OF MINE  
GOOD LUCK--

--JUST IN  
CASE...?

LOOKS  
LIKE A WAY  
IN!

WHY SO  
**SURPRISED?** WASN'T  
**ROBOTROPOLIS**  
LIKE THIS?



I  
GET THE  
POINT! IF IT  
LOOKS AND  
SMELLS LIKE  
THE REAL  
DEAL--

--IT  
STILL  
DOESN'T  
MEAN IT IS  
THE REAL  
DEAL!

SONIC--?

FOR  
ONCE, I'M  
SCARED!

THIS THING IS  
HUMONGOUS!  
BIGGER THAN  
ANYTHING WE'VE  
EVER FACED!

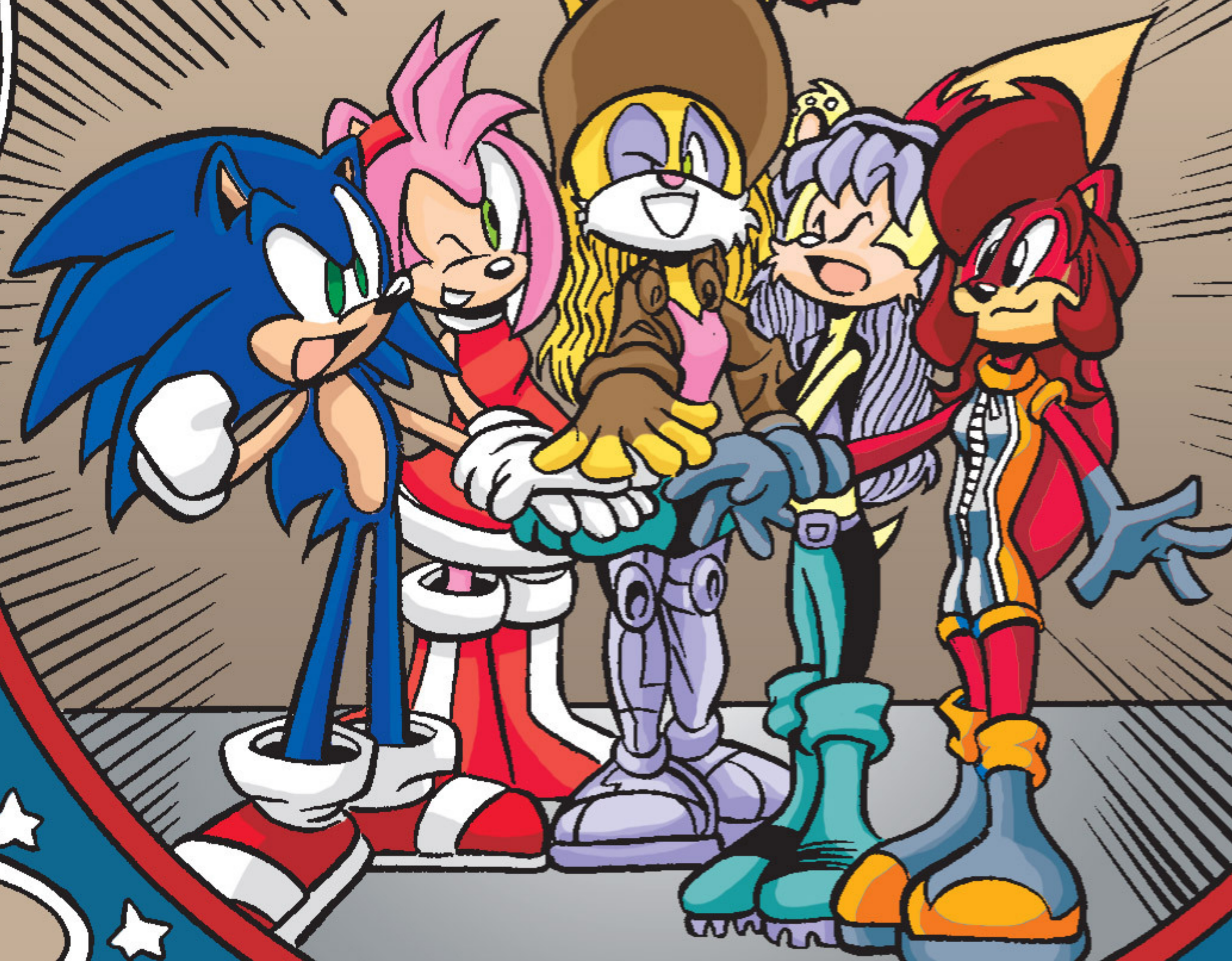
WHY  
JUST US?  
WHY DIDN'T THE  
OTHERS COME  
WITH US?



--YOU'RE MY  
GUYS THROUGH  
THICK'N'THIN!

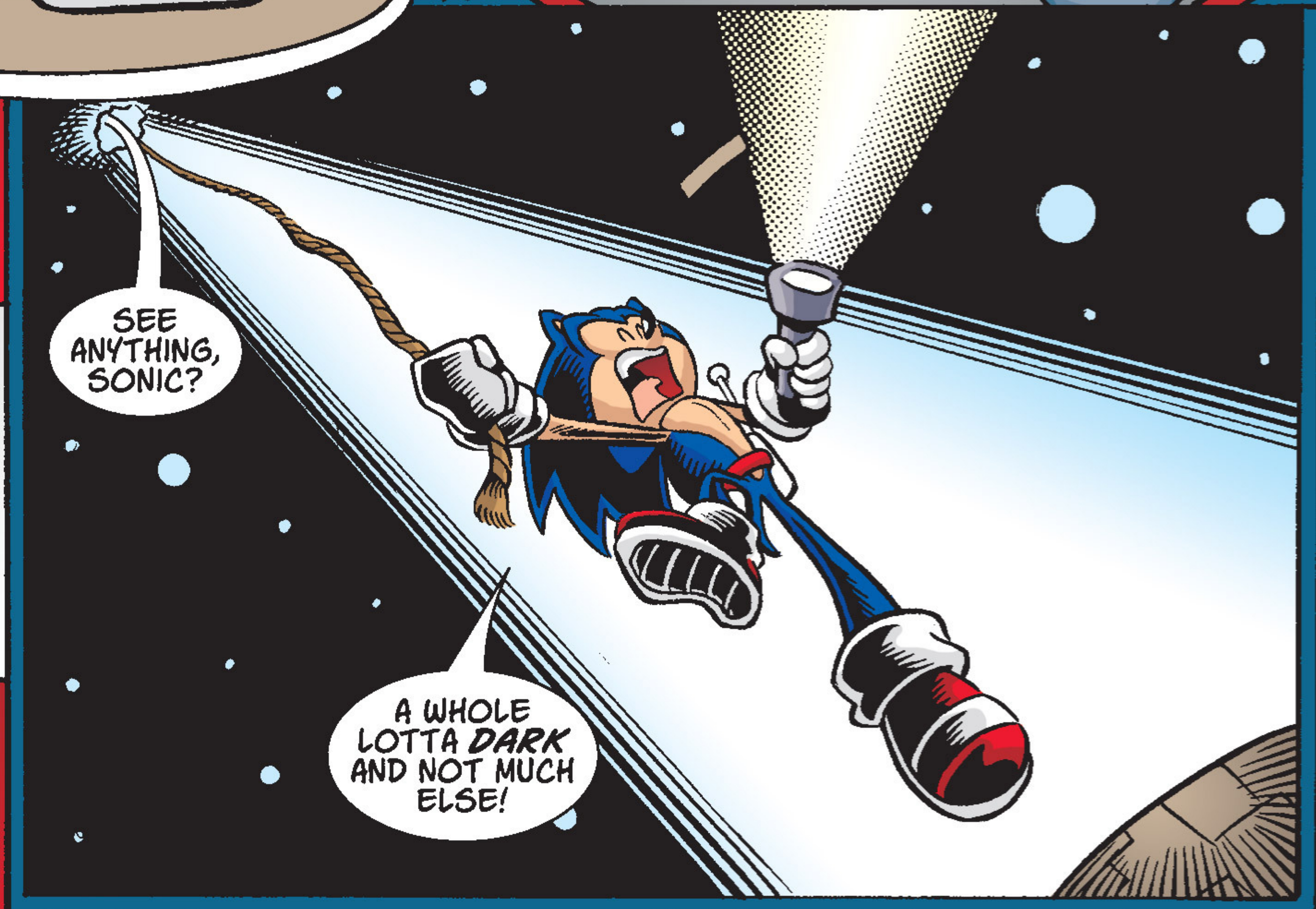
SO  
WHADDYA  
SAY?

LET'S  
PARTY!

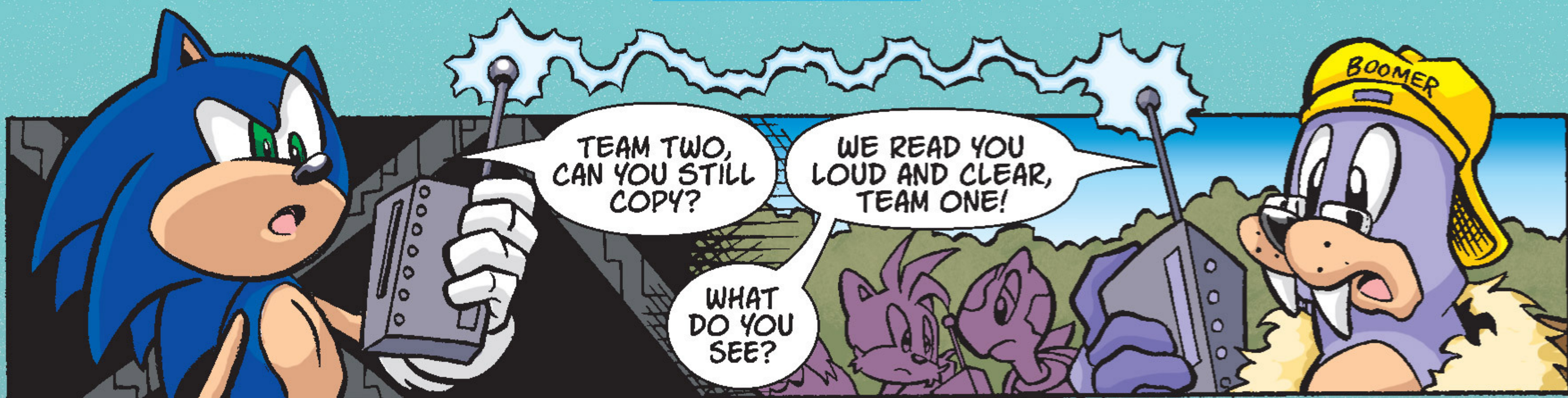


SEE  
ANYTHING,  
SONIC?

A WHOLE  
LOTTA DARK  
AND NOT MUCH  
ELSE!



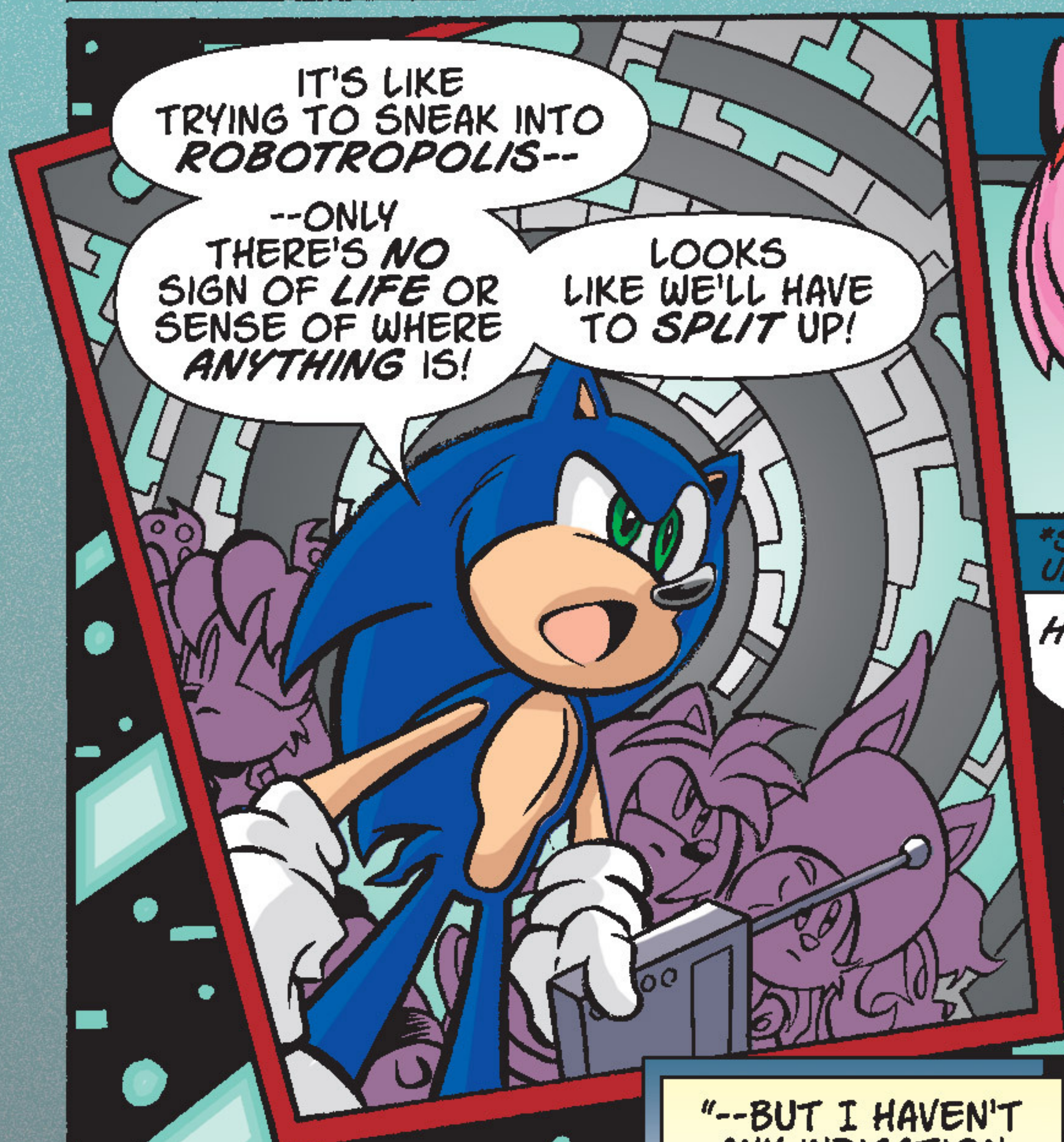




TEAM TWO,  
CAN YOU STILL  
COPY?

WE READ YOU  
LOUD AND CLEAR,  
TEAM ONE!

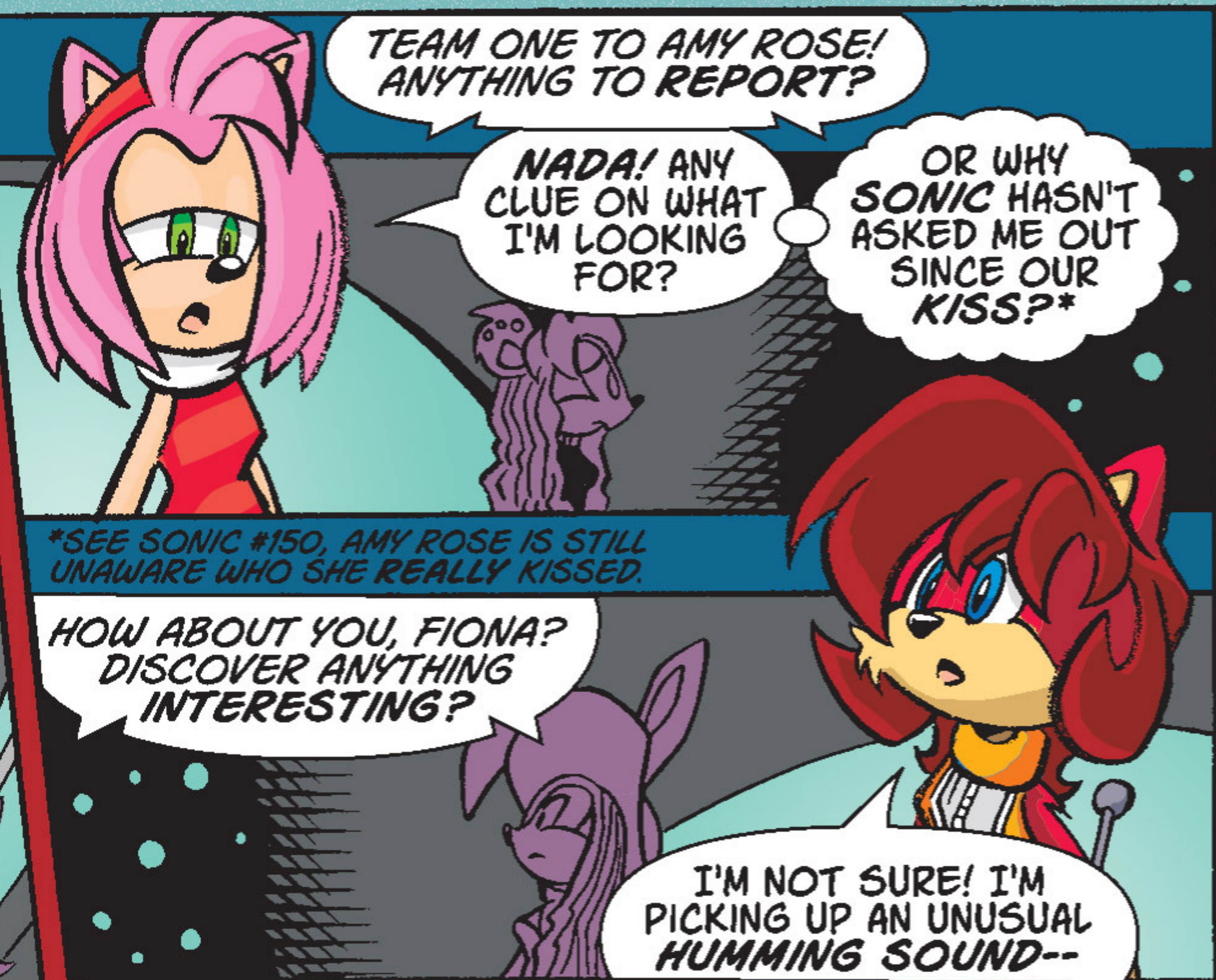
WHAT  
DO YOU  
SEE?



IT'S LIKE  
TRYING TO SNEAK INTO  
ROBOTROPOLIS--

--ONLY  
THERE'S NO  
SIGN OF LIFE OR  
SENSE OF WHERE  
ANYTHING IS!

LOOKS  
LIKE WE'LL HAVE  
TO SPLIT UP!



TEAM ONE TO AMY ROSE!  
ANYTHING TO REPORT?

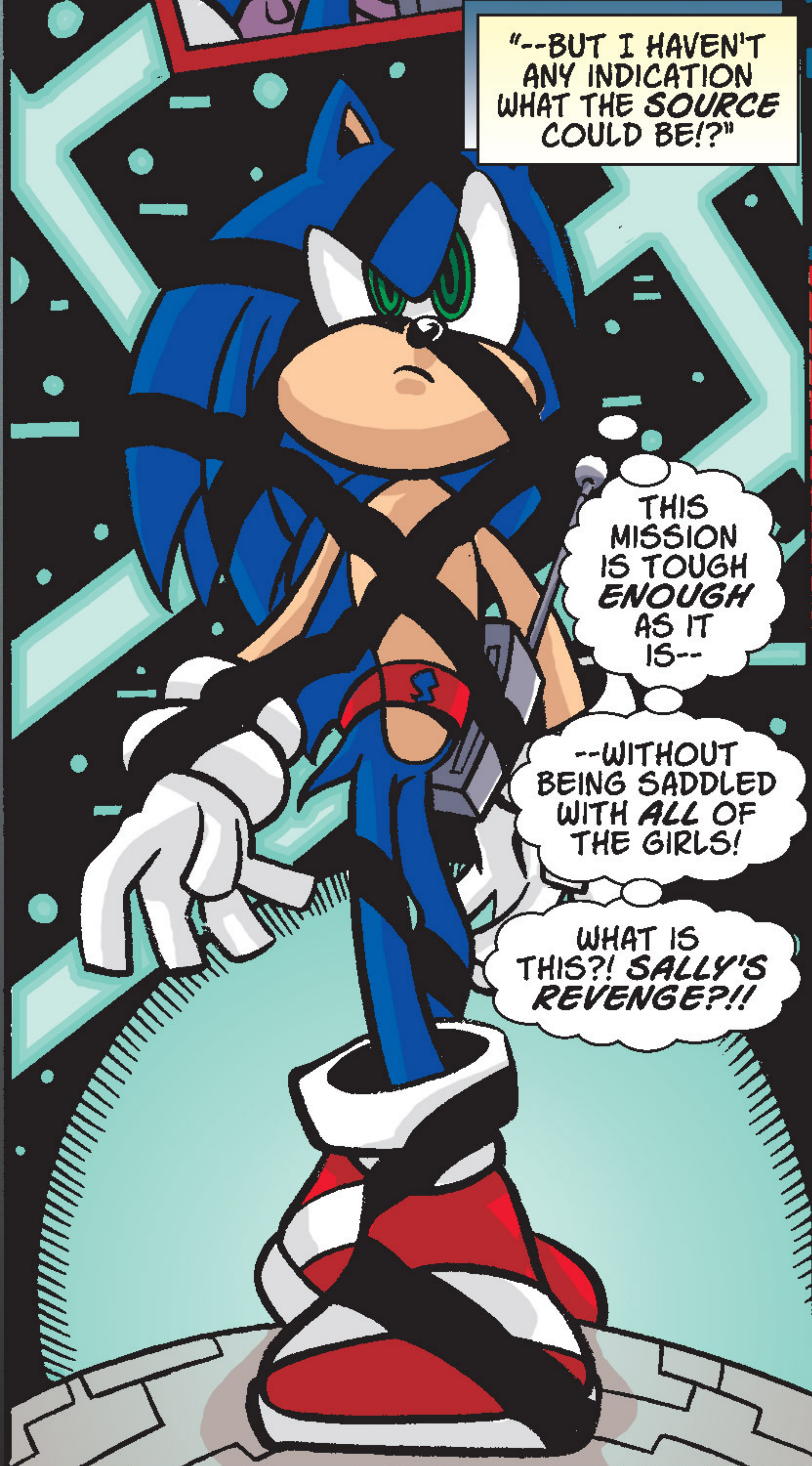
NADA! ANY  
CLUE ON WHAT  
I'M LOOKING  
FOR?

OR WHY  
SONIC HASN'T  
ASKED ME OUT  
SINCE OUR  
KISS?\*

\*SEE SONIC #150, AMY ROSE IS STILL  
UNAWARE WHO SHE REALLY KISSED.

HOW ABOUT YOU, FIONA?  
DISCOVER ANYTHING  
INTERESTING?

I'M NOT SURE! I'M  
PICKING UP AN UNUSUAL  
HUMMING SOUND--



"--BUT I HAVEN'T  
ANY INDICATION  
WHAT THE SOURCE  
COULD BE!?"

THIS  
MISSION  
IS TOUGH  
ENOUGH  
AS IT  
IS--

--WITHOUT  
BEING SADDLED  
WITH ALL OF  
THE GIRLS!

WHAT IS  
THIS?! SALLY'S  
REVENGE?!!



SEE  
ANYTHING,  
BUNNIE?

ALL  
PEACE  
AND QUIET,  
ROTOR!  
NOTHING  
UNUSUAL  
HEAH!





WAIT  
A MINUTE!  
SOMETHING'S  
WRONG!

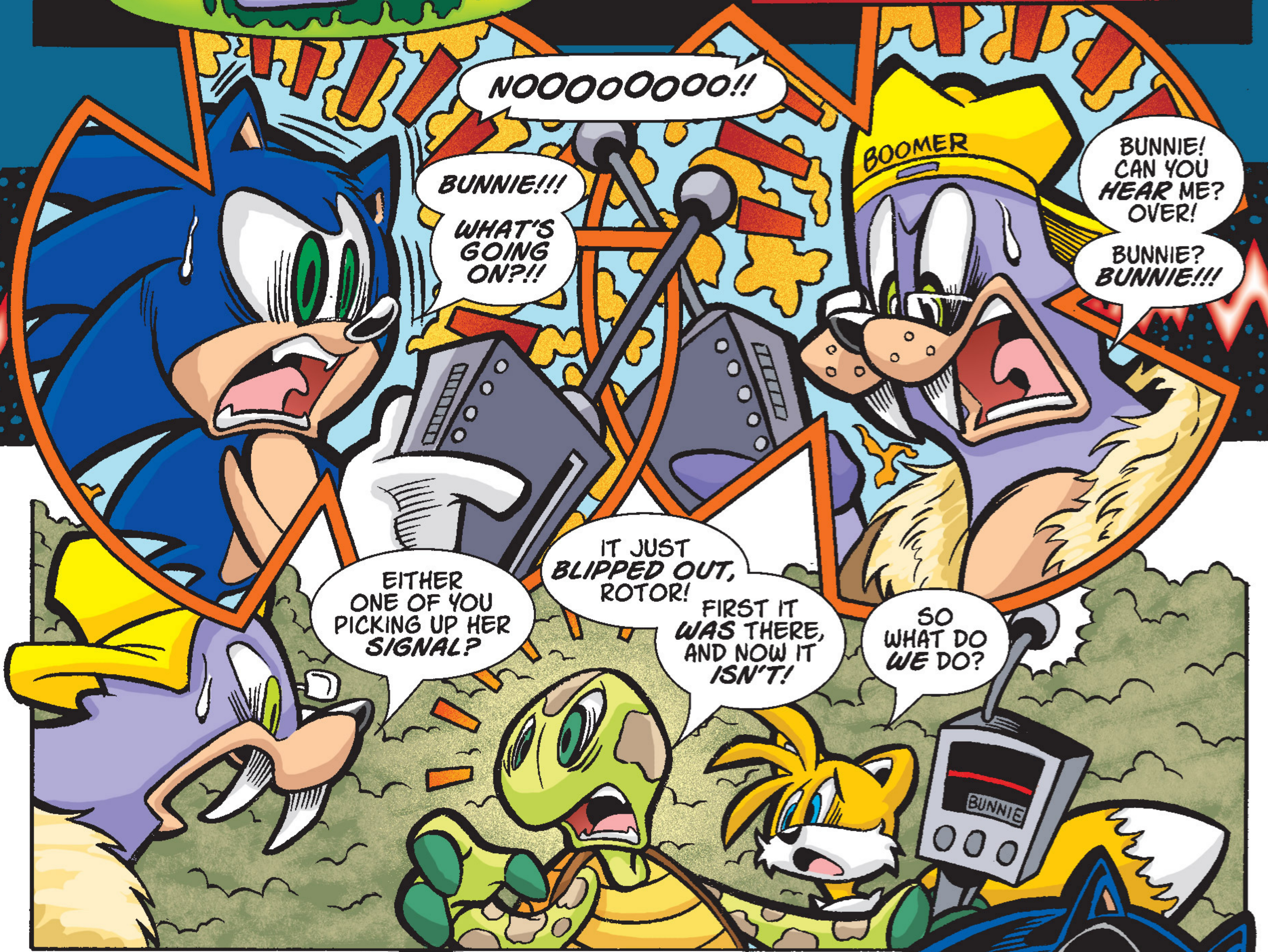
WHAT  
IS IT?

I'M  
PICKING UP  
A *WEIRD*  
SOUND,  
LIKE--



*MY  
ARM!!*

IT'S  
GRABBED  
MY ARM!!



NOOOOOOOOO!!

BUNNIE!!!

WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?!!

BUNNIE!  
CAN YOU  
HEAR ME?  
OVER!

BUNNIE?  
BUNNIE!!!

EITHER  
ONE OF YOU  
PICKING UP HER  
SIGNAL?

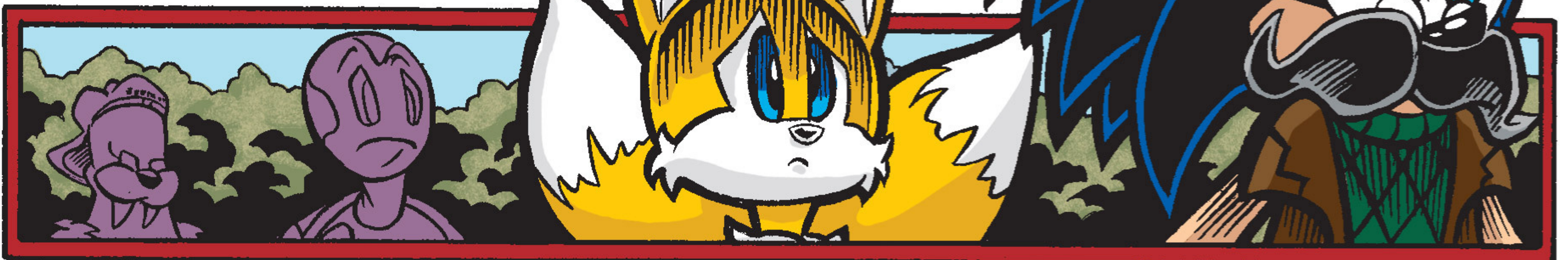
IT JUST  
BLIPPED OUT,  
ROTOR!

FIRST IT  
WAS THERE,  
AND NOW IT  
ISN'T!

SO  
WHAT DO  
WE DO?

THE *HARDEST*  
THING OF ALL, SON--  
*NOTHING!*

REMAIN AT  
YOUR POSTS!





"WE WON'T **LEARN** ANYTHING IF WE DON'T **MAINTAIN** CONTACT!"

**BAD NEWS!**  
NO SIGN OF **BUNNIE**  
**ANYWHERE** DOWN  
THE **CORRIDOR**  
SHE **TOOK!**

WHAT'S  
**WORSE,**  
EVEN  
WITH **MY**  
**SPEED---**

--I'M NOT  
SURE HOW  
MUCH **AREA**  
I CAN COVER  
IN ORDER TO  
**FIND** HER!

COME IN,  
SONIC! WHAT'S  
YOUR **CURRENT**  
**STATUS?**

A BIG **ZERO,**  
ROTOR!

**NO BUNNIE--**  
BUT I JUST FOUND A  
SECTION THAT WOULD GIVE  
YOUR LAB SET-UP A RUN  
FOR THE **MONEY!**

ANY  
TERMINALS YOU  
CAN TAP INTO?  
SOMETHING YOU  
CAN **ACCESS**  
A **DATABASE**  
WITH?

**HOLD**  
**ON!** THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
UP **AHEAD!**

YOU'RE  
**BREAKING UP!**  
SAY AGAIN?  
**ZZTTT...**

THIS HAS  
GOTTA BE  
A **GAG!**

NO WAY  
COULD **HE**  
BE BEHIND  
ALL THIS!

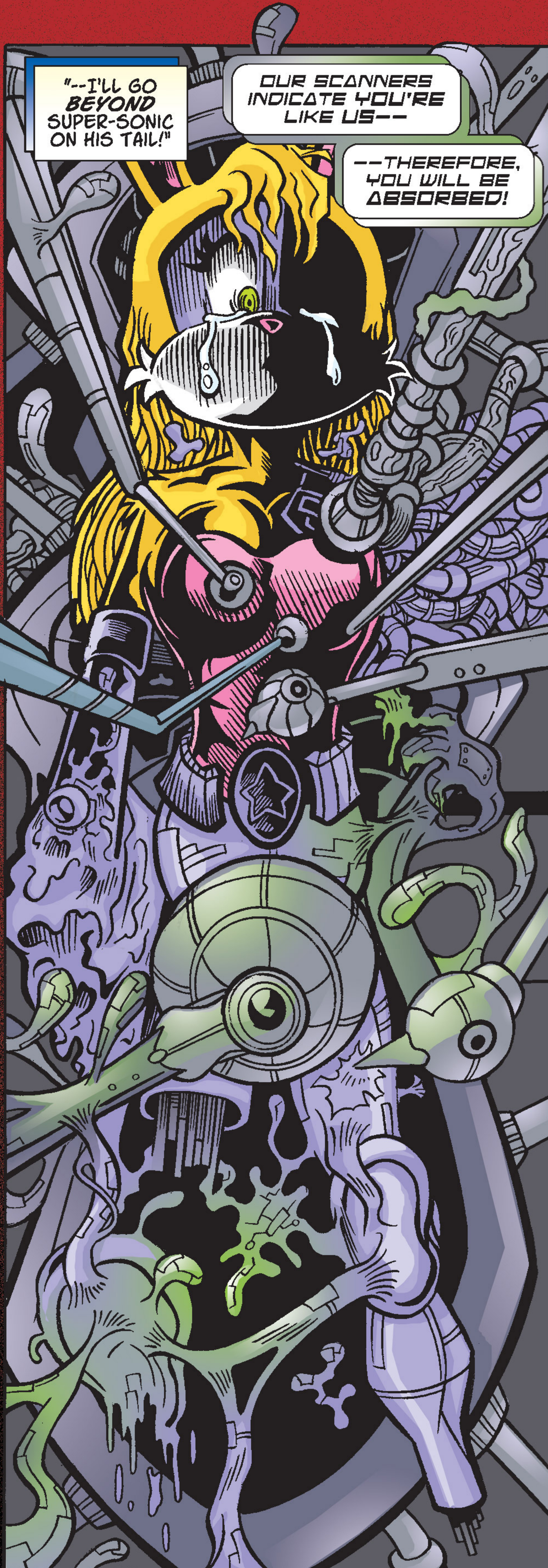
AFTER  
ALL THIS  
TIME.

WHERE  
THERE'S **ONE,**  
THE **OTHER**  
CAN'T BE FAR  
BEHIND!

AND IF  
**SNIVELY** IS  
WHY **BUNNIE**  
IS **MIA--\***

**\*MISSING**  
IN ACTION.





"--I'LL GO BEYOND SUPER-SONIC ON HIS TAIL!"

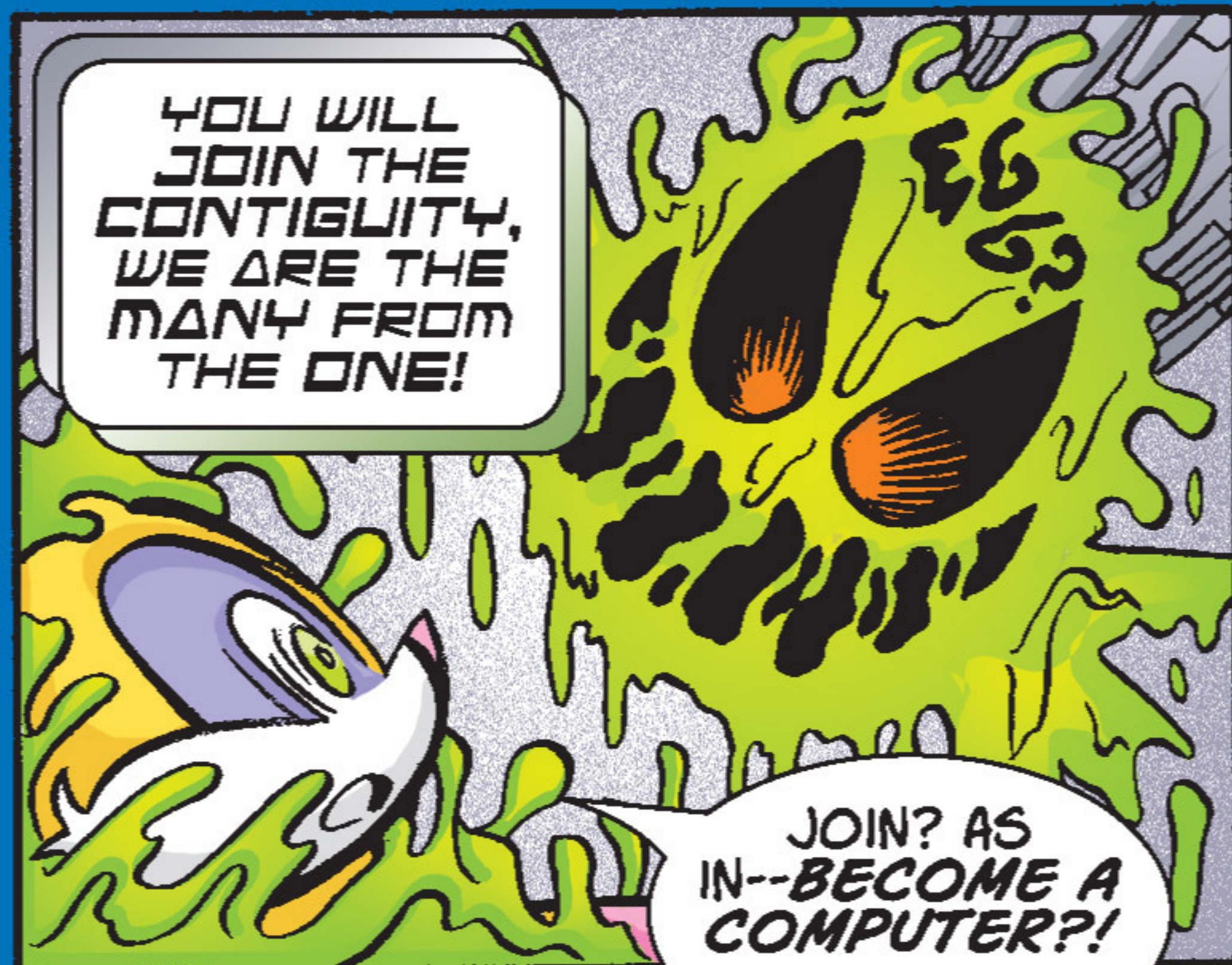
OUR SCANNERS INDICATE YOU'RE LIKE US--

--THEREFORE, YOU WILL BE ABSORBED!



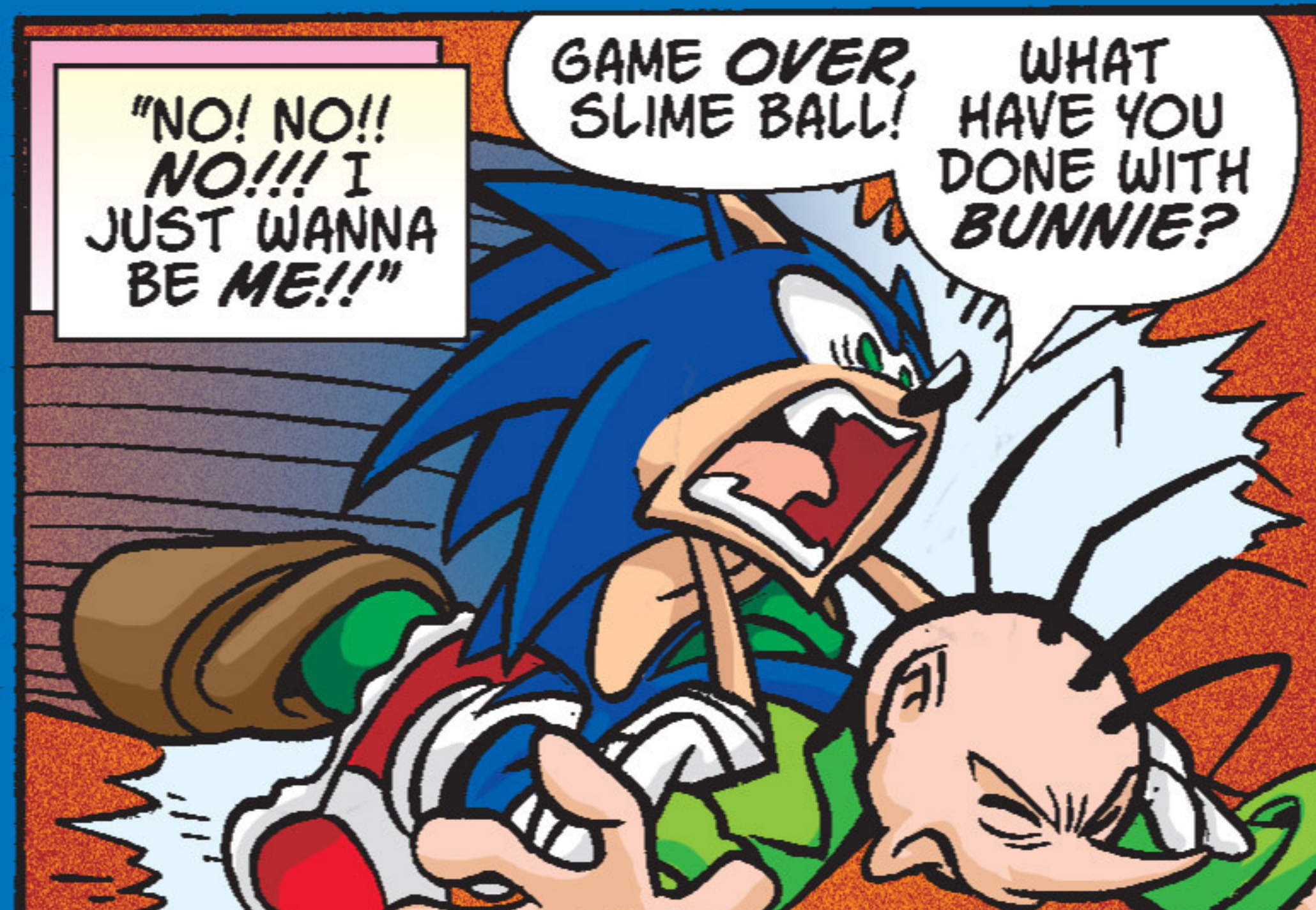
I LIKE MYSELF RIGHT FINE THE WAY I AM, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

WHY DON'T YOU SHOW YOURSELF SO I CAN SEE WHO I'M DEALING WITH!



YOU WILL JOIN THE CONTIGUITY, WE ARE THE MANY FROM THE ONE!

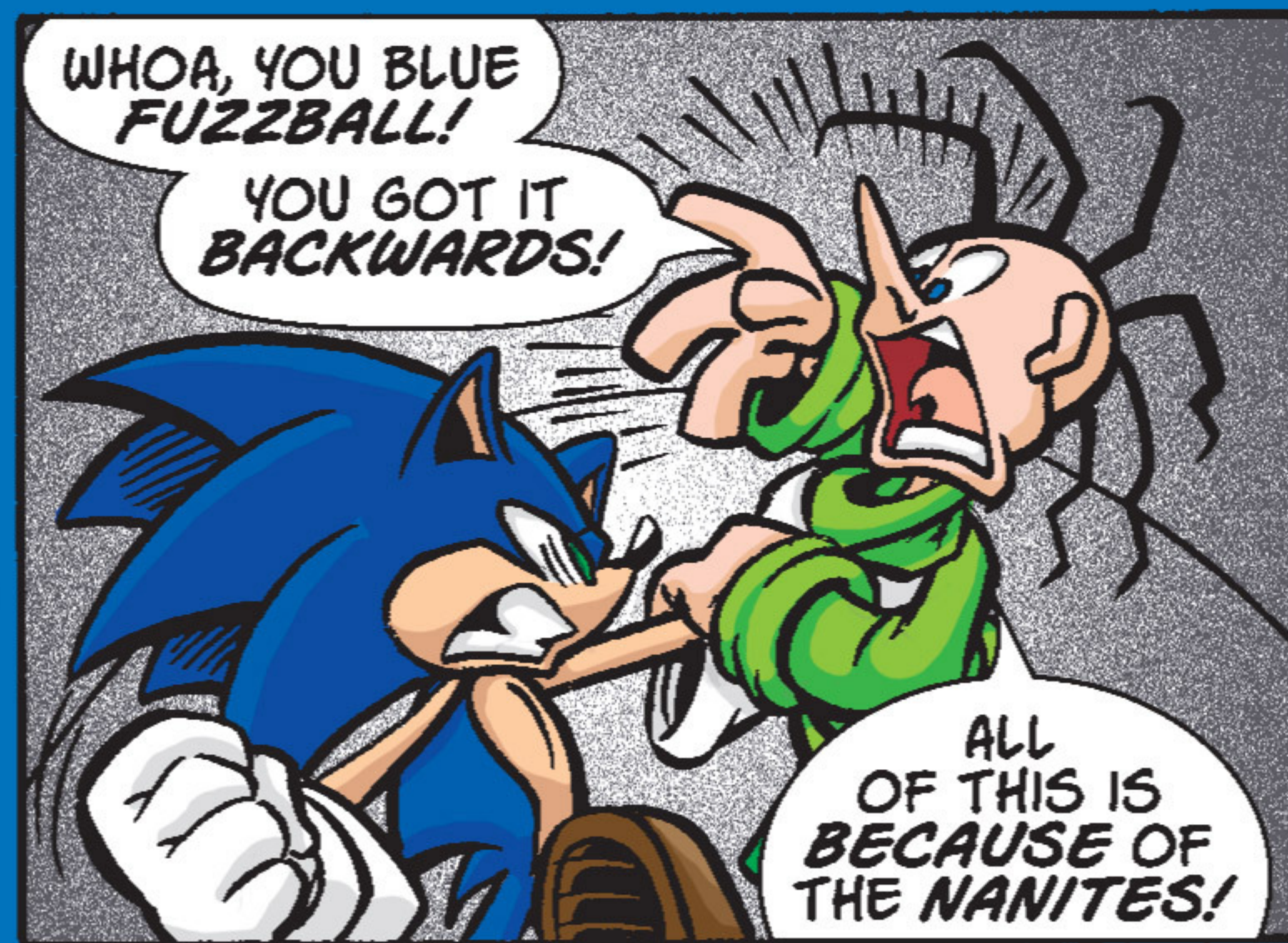
JOIN? AS IN--BECOME A COMPUTER?!



"NO! NO!! NO!!! I JUST WANNA BE ME!!"

GAME OVER, SLIME BALL!

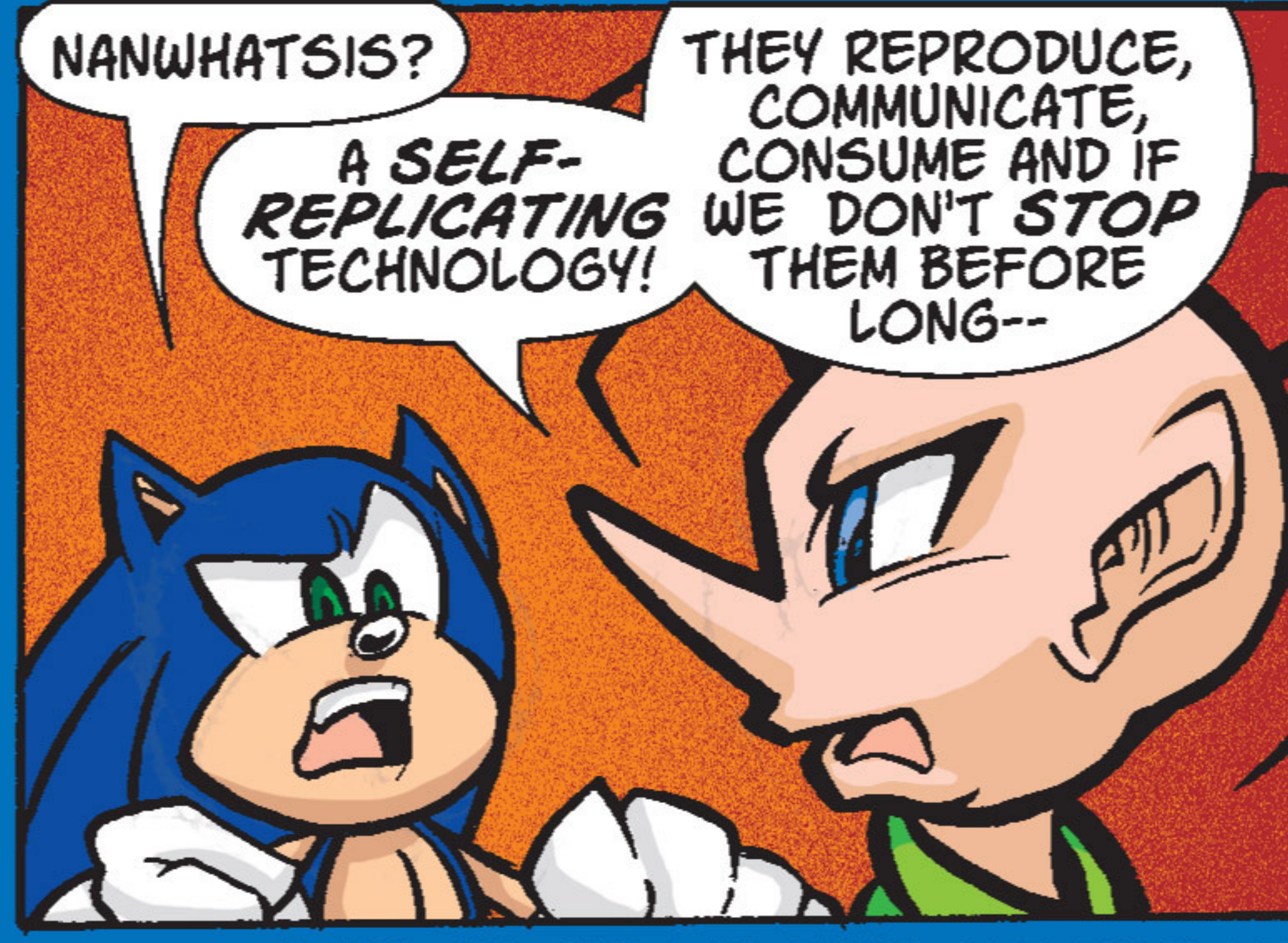
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH BUNNIE?



WHOA, YOU BLUE FUZZBALL!

YOU GOT IT BACKWARDS!

ALL OF THIS IS BECAUSE OF THE NANITES!



NANWHATSIS?

A SELF-REPLICATING TECHNOLOGY!

THEY REPRODUCE, COMMUNICATE, CONSUME AND IF WE DON'T STOP THEM BEFORE LONG--

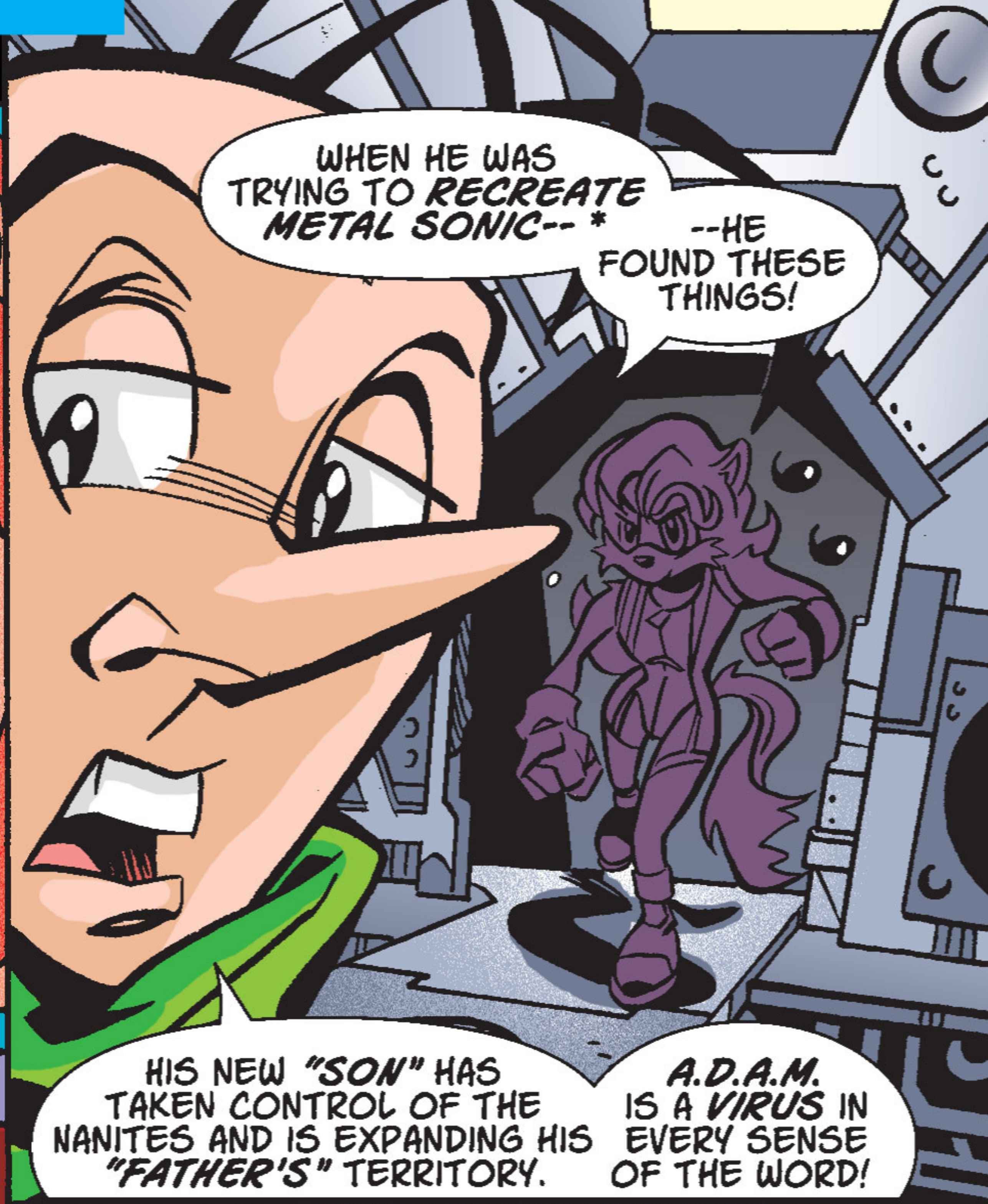




--THEY'LL BE THE **DOMINANT** LIFE FORM ON THIS PLANET!

ROTOR SAID PRETTY MUCH THE **SAME** THING!

BUT **WHY** WOULD ROBO-BUTT **CREATE** SOMETHING THAT COULD CLEAN HIS CLOCK?

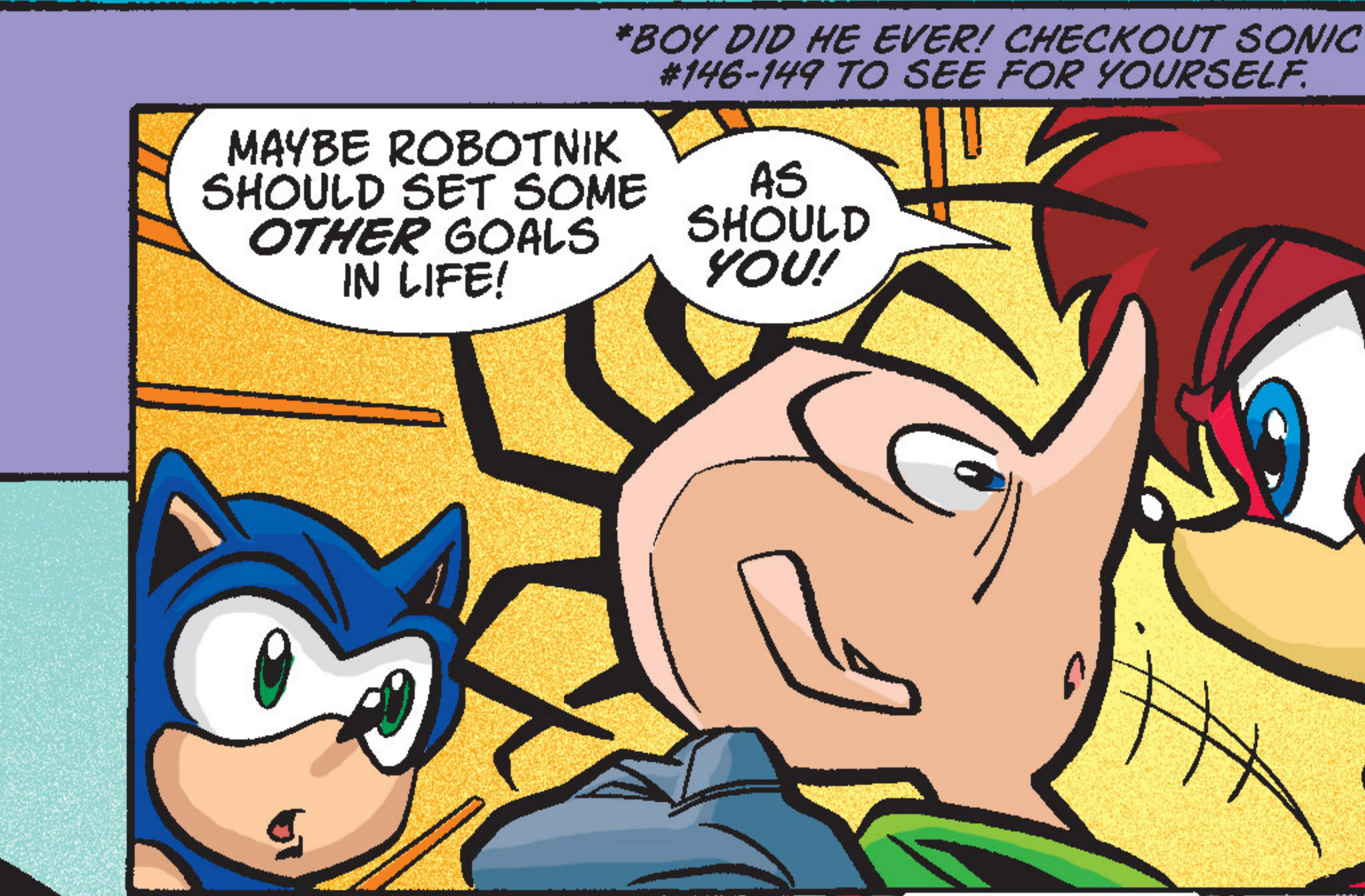


WHEN HE WAS TRYING TO **RECREATE** **METAL SONIC**-- \*

--HE FOUND THESE THINGS!

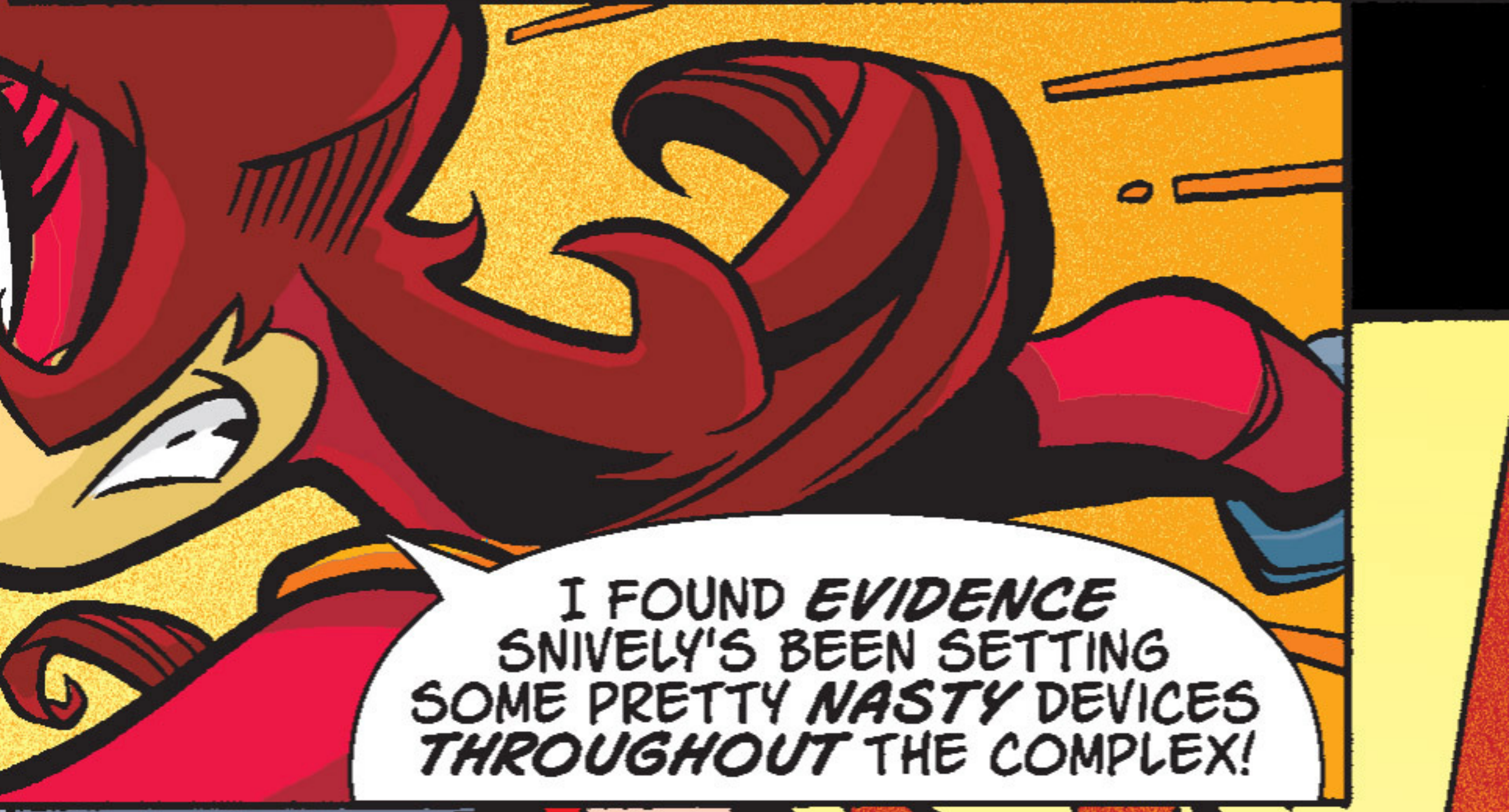
HIS NEW "**SON**" HAS TAKEN CONTROL OF THE NANITES AND IS EXPANDING HIS "**FATHER'S**" TERRITORY.

**A.D.A.M.** IS A **VIRUS** IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD!

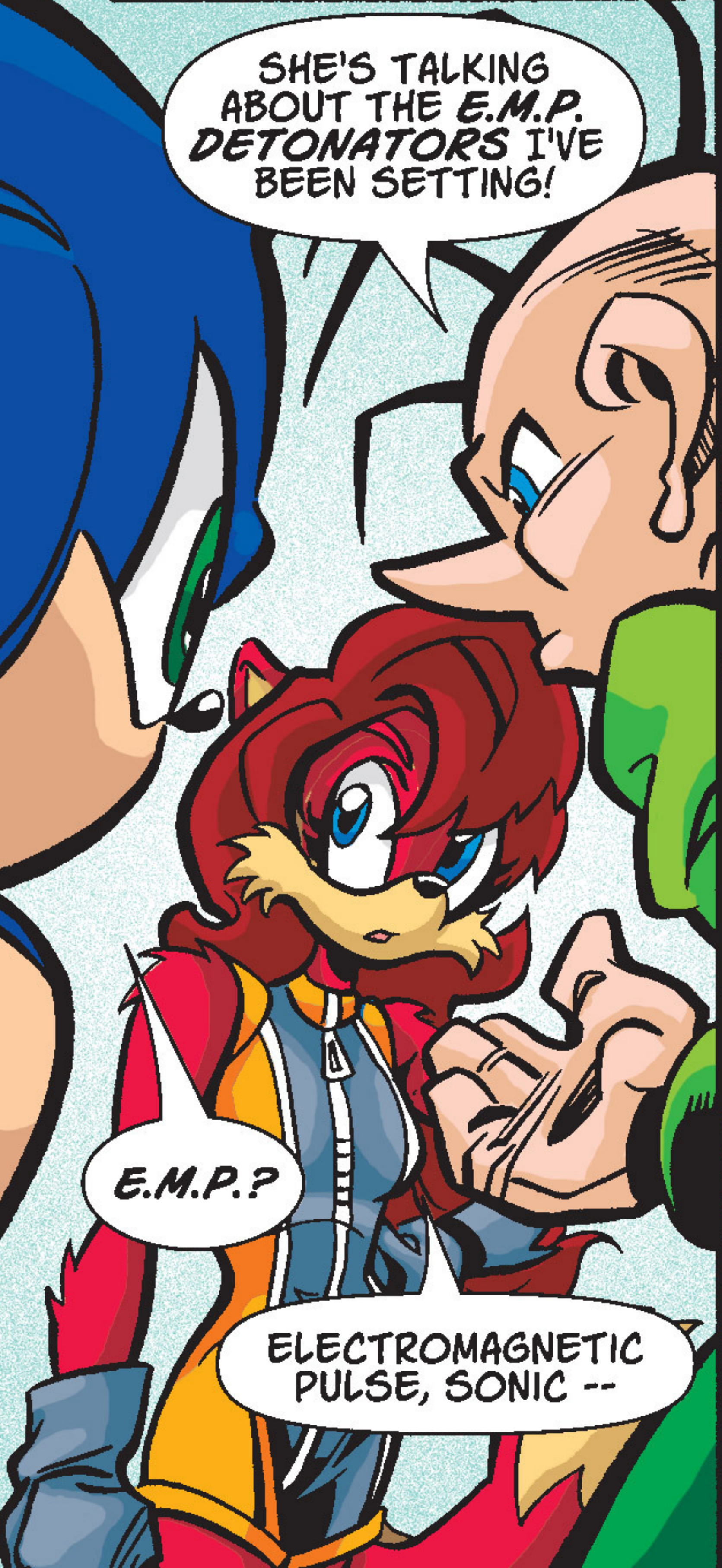


MAYBE ROBOTNIK SHOULD SET SOME **OTHER** GOALS IN LIFE!

AS SHOULD YOU!



I FOUND **EVIDENCE** SNIVELY'S BEEN SETTING SOME PRETTY **NASTY** DEVICES THROUGHOUT THE COMPLEX!



SHE'S TALKING ABOUT THE **E.M.P. DETONATORS** I'VE BEEN SETTING!

E.M.P.?

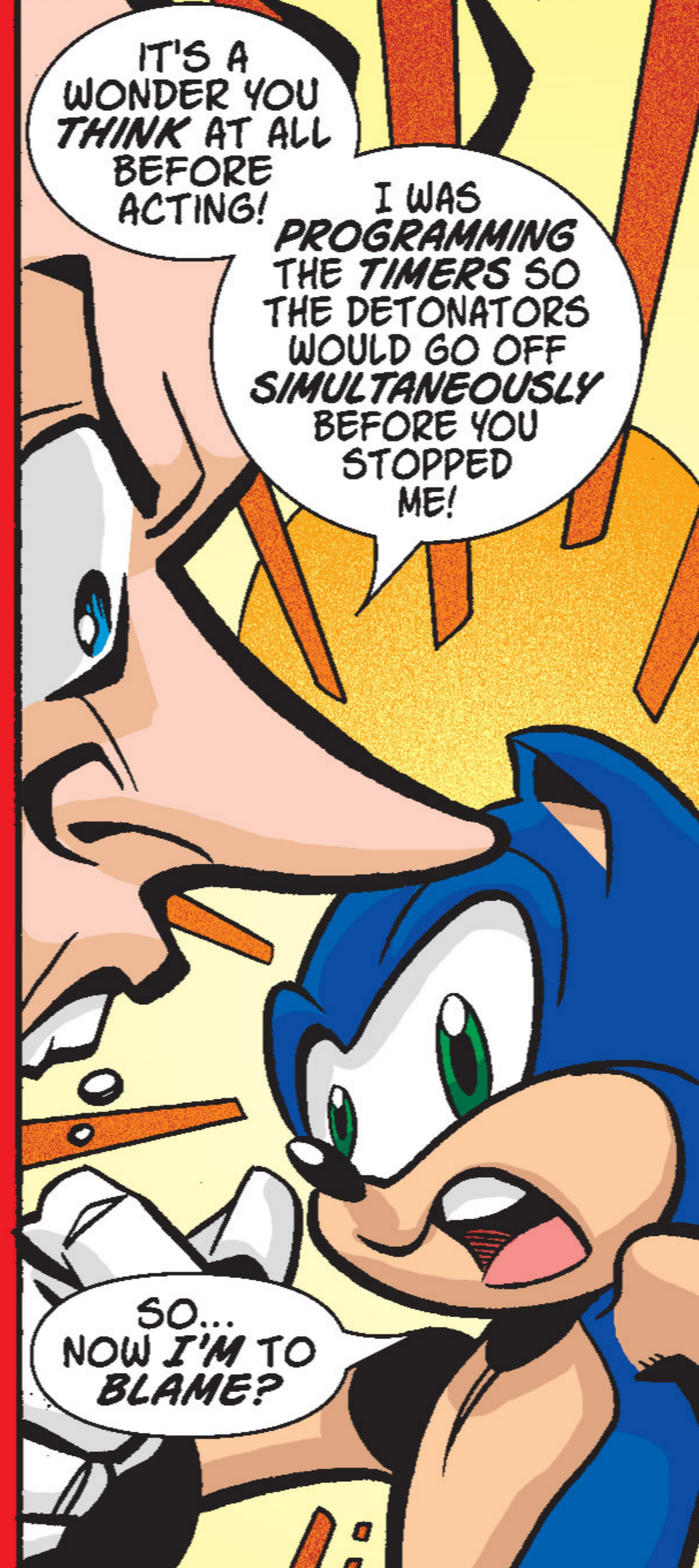
ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE, SONIC --



--A **POWERFUL** SURGE WITH THE CAPACITY TO RENDER ANYTHING **ELECTRONIC** TOTALLY **USELESS**!

BUT **HARMLESS** TO ANY LIVING BEING!

I **THINK** I MISSED THAT CLASS.

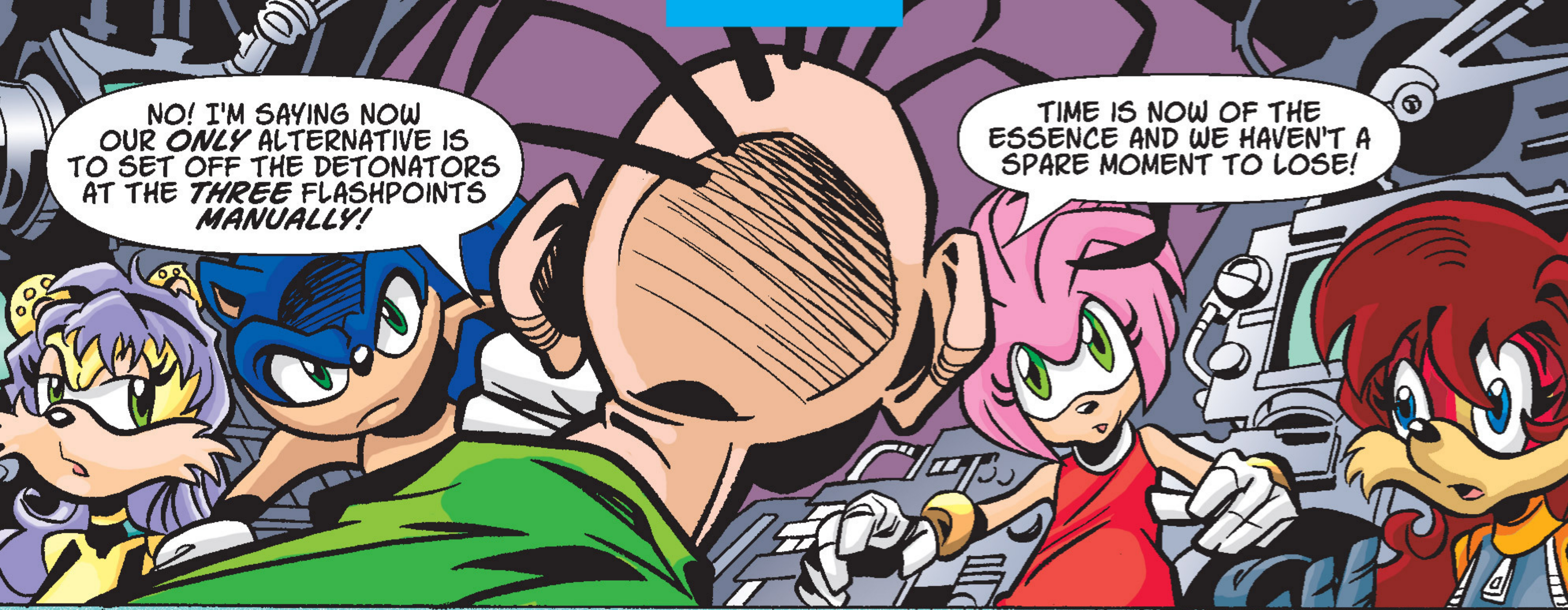


IT'S A WONDER YOU **THINK** AT ALL BEFORE ACTING!

I WAS **PROGRAMMING** THE **TIMERS** SO THE DETONATORS WOULD GO OFF **SIMULTANEOUSLY** BEFORE YOU STOPPED ME!

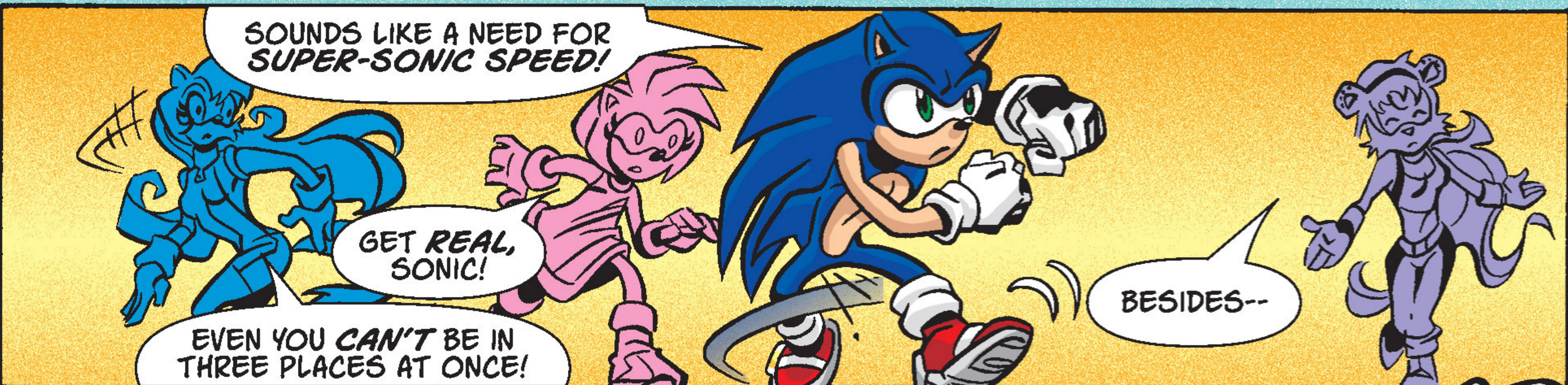
SO... NOW I'M TO **BLAME**?





NO! I'M SAYING NOW  
OUR **ONLY** ALTERNATIVE IS  
TO SET OFF THE DETONATORS  
AT THE **THREE** FLASHPOINTS  
**MANUALLY!**

TIME IS NOW OF THE  
ESSENCE AND WE HAVEN'T A  
SPARE MOMENT TO LOSE!

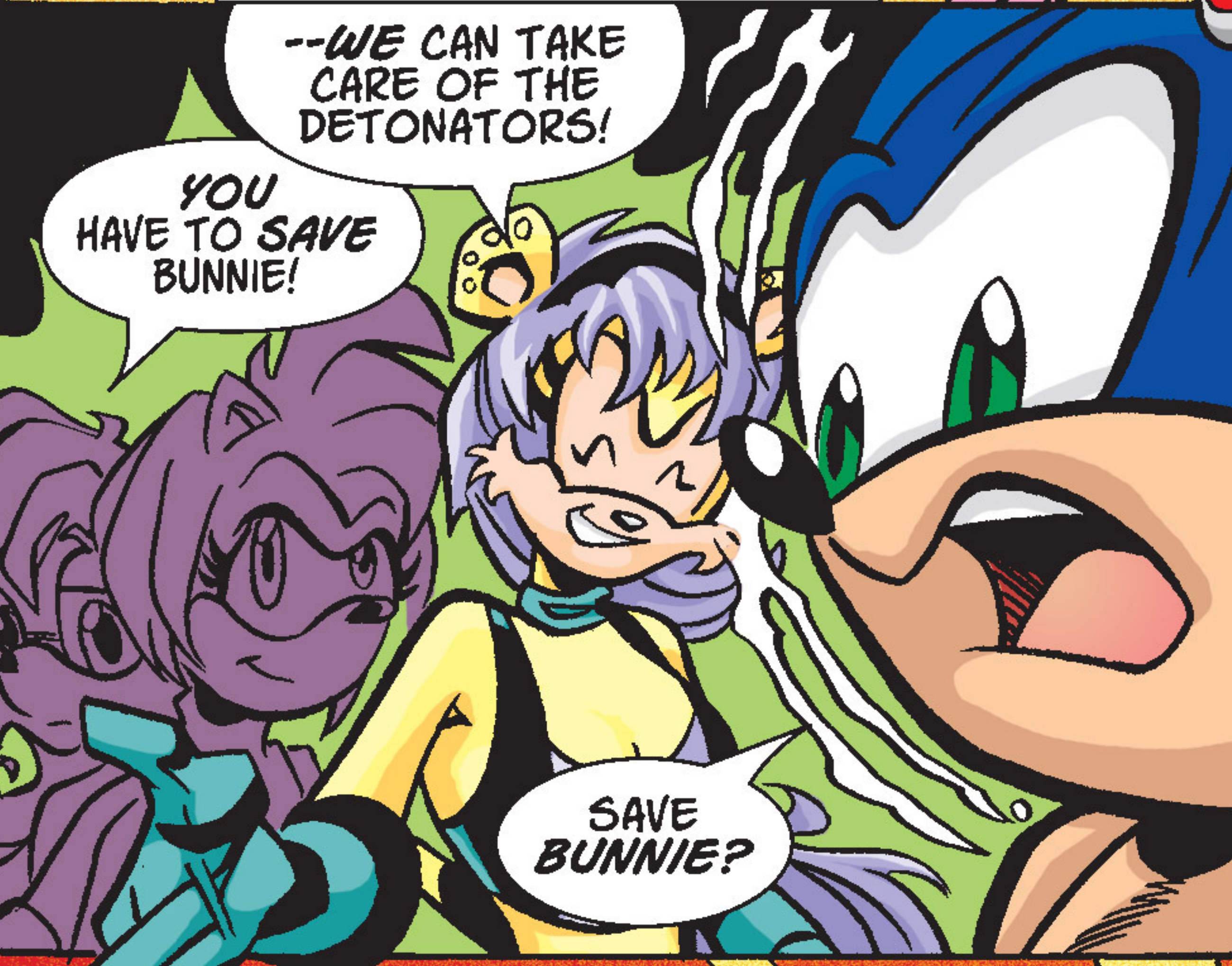


SOUNDS LIKE A NEED FOR  
**SUPER-SONIC SPEED!**

GET **REAL**,  
SONIC!

EVEN YOU **CAN'T** BE IN  
THREE PLACES AT ONCE!

BESIDES--



--WE CAN TAKE  
CARE OF THE  
DETONATORS!

YOU  
HAVE TO **SAVE**  
BUNNIE!

SAVE  
BUNNIE?



SHE'S  
**RIGHT**,  
SONIC!

WHEN THE  
E.M.P. GOES OFF,  
BUNNIE'S **ROBOTIC**  
LIMBS WILL BE  
**AFFECTED--**



--AND  
THERE'S  
NO TELLING  
WHAT'LL  
HAPPEN TO  
THE **REST**  
OF HER  
AFTER  
THAT!

WHAT ABOUT  
**SNIVELY?**

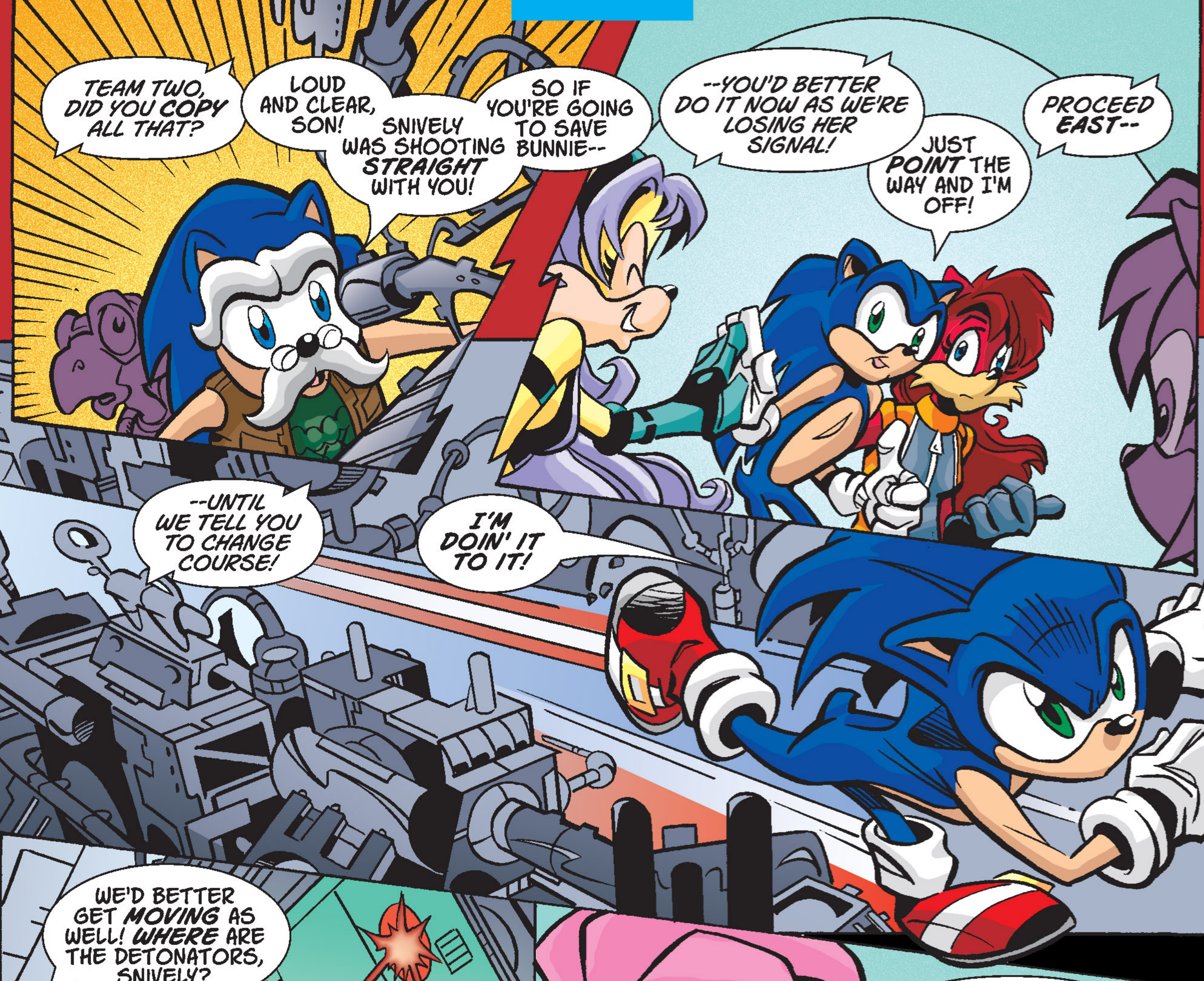
HE JUST  
CUTS AND RUNS  
WHILE WE MAKE  
LIKE **HEROES?**



HARDLY!  
WHILE THE GIRLS  
GET IN POSITION TO  
TRIGGER THE  
DETONATORS--

--I'LL BE MANNING  
THE **MASTER GENERATOR**  
RIGHT HERE TO ENSURE THE  
**MAXIMUM** SURGE IS  
PROVIDED!





TEAM TWO,  
DID YOU COPY  
ALL THAT?

LOUD  
AND CLEAR,  
SON!

SNIVELY  
WAS SHOOTING  
BUNNIE--  
**STRAIGHT**  
WITH YOU!

SO IF  
YOU'RE GOING  
TO SAVE  
BUNNIE--

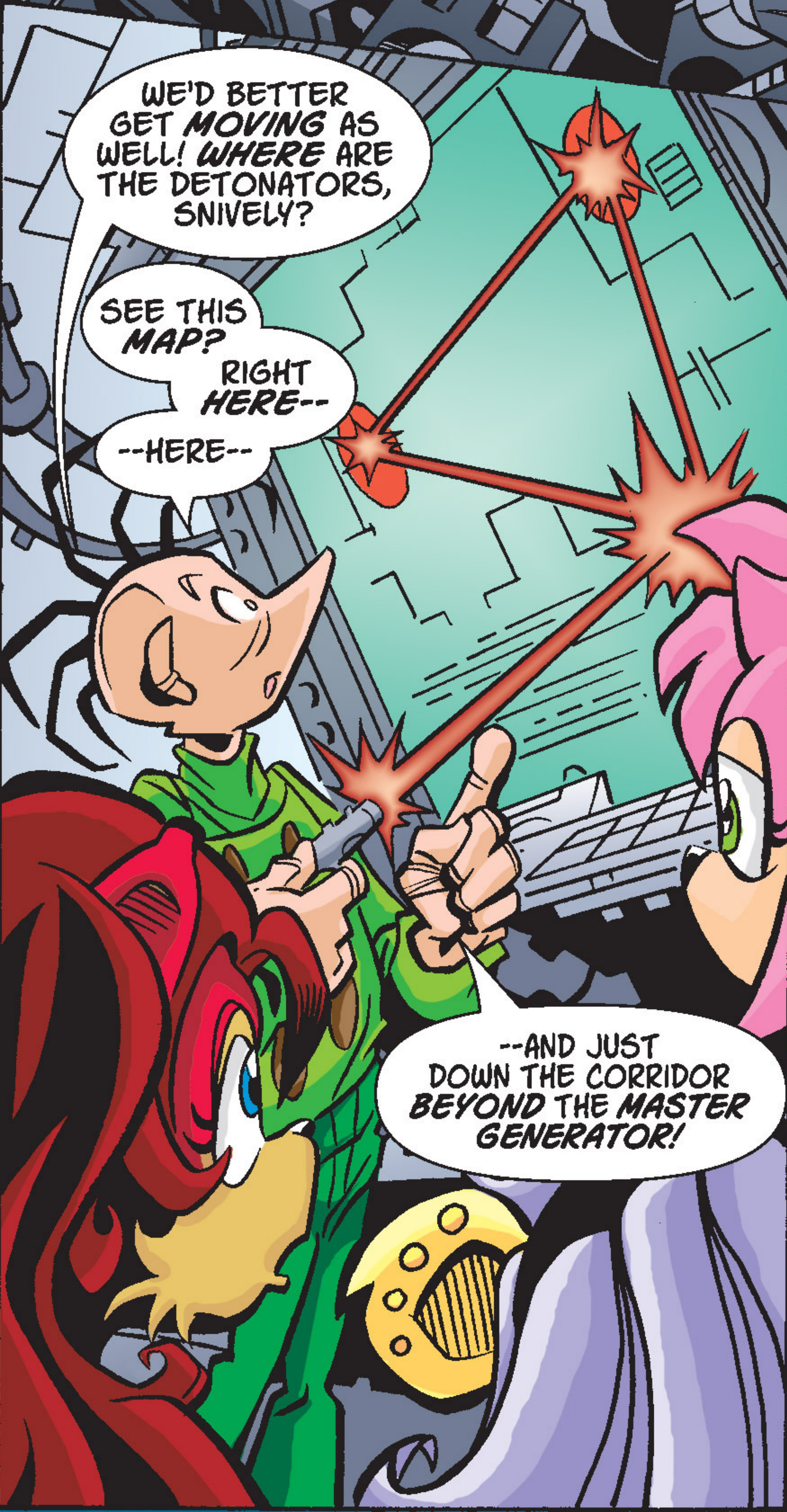
--YOU'D BETTER  
DO IT NOW AS WE'RE  
LOSING HER  
SIGNAL!

JUST  
POINT THE  
WAY AND I'M  
OFF!

PROCEED  
EAST--

--UNTIL  
WE TELL YOU  
TO CHANGE  
COURSE!

I'M  
DOIN' IT  
TO IT!



WE'D BETTER  
GET MOVING AS  
WELL! *WHERE* ARE  
THE DETONATORS,  
SNIVELY?

SEE THIS  
MAP?  
RIGHT  
HERE--  
--HERE--

--AND JUST  
DOWN THE CORRIDOR  
BEYOND THE MASTER  
GENERATOR!



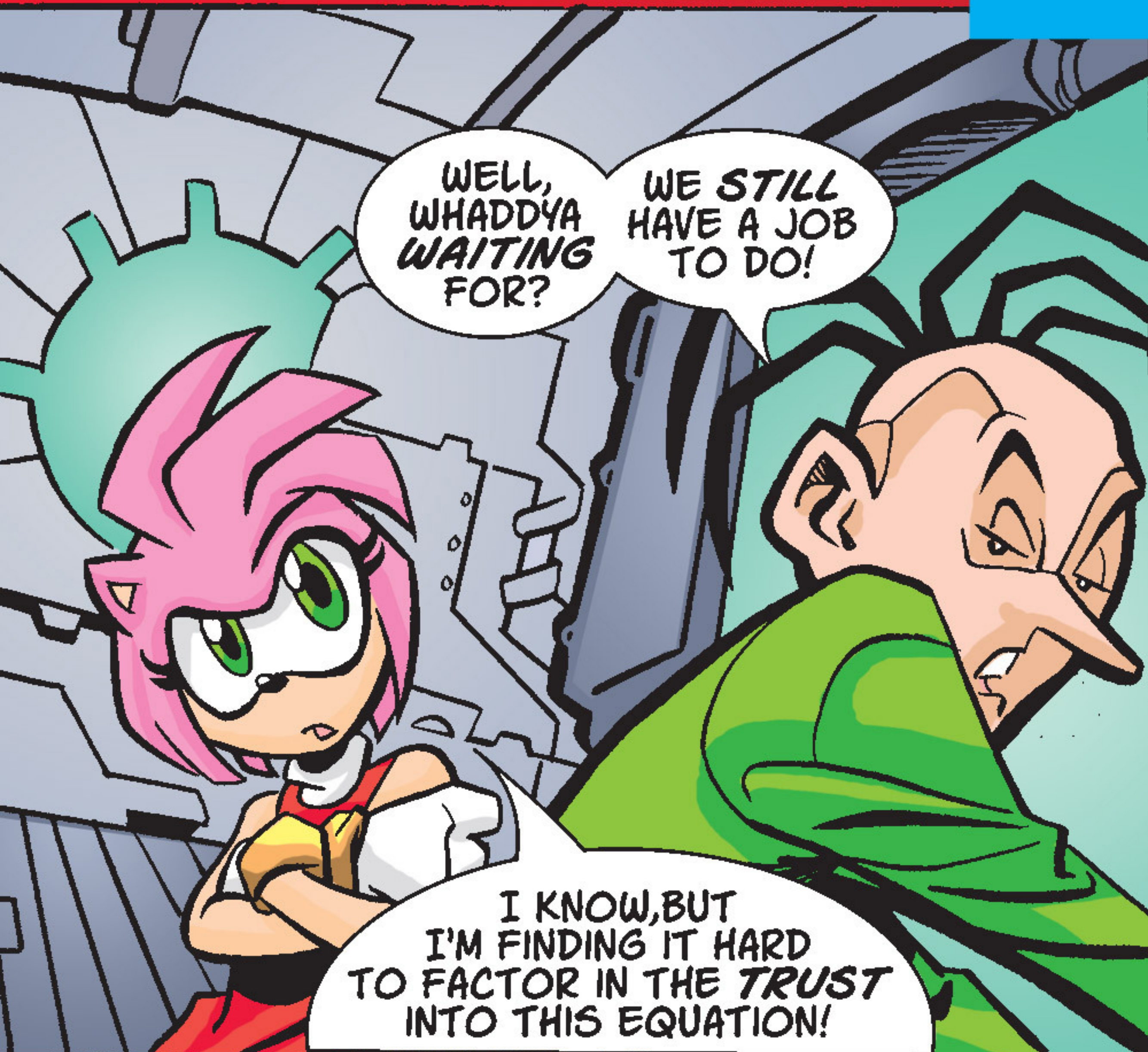
HOW DO  
WE GET OUT TO THE  
TWO FARTHEST  
DETONATORS?

I MAY BE A  
HEDGEHOG BUT  
I'M NOWHERE  
NEAR AS FAST  
AS SONIC!

BUT,  
I AM!  
I'LL CARRY  
FIONA TO THE  
SECOND POINT--

--WHILE  
I TAKE THE  
THIRD!  
JUST HANG  
ON, FOXY LADY,  
AND DON'T  
LET GO!

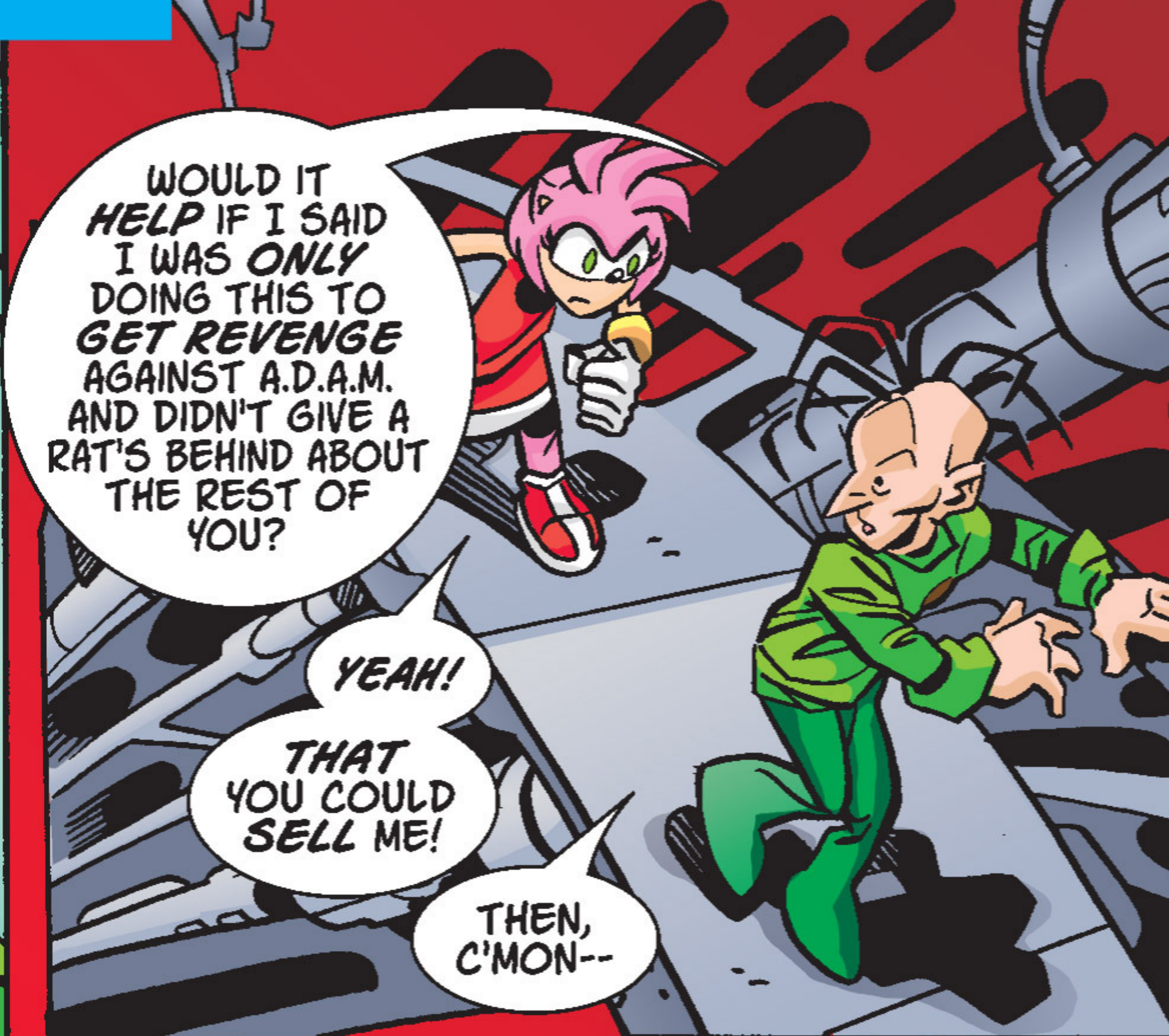




WELL, WHADDYA WAITING FOR?

WE STILL HAVE A JOB TO DO!

I KNOW, BUT I'M FINDING IT HARD TO FACTOR IN THE TRUST INTO THIS EQUATION!

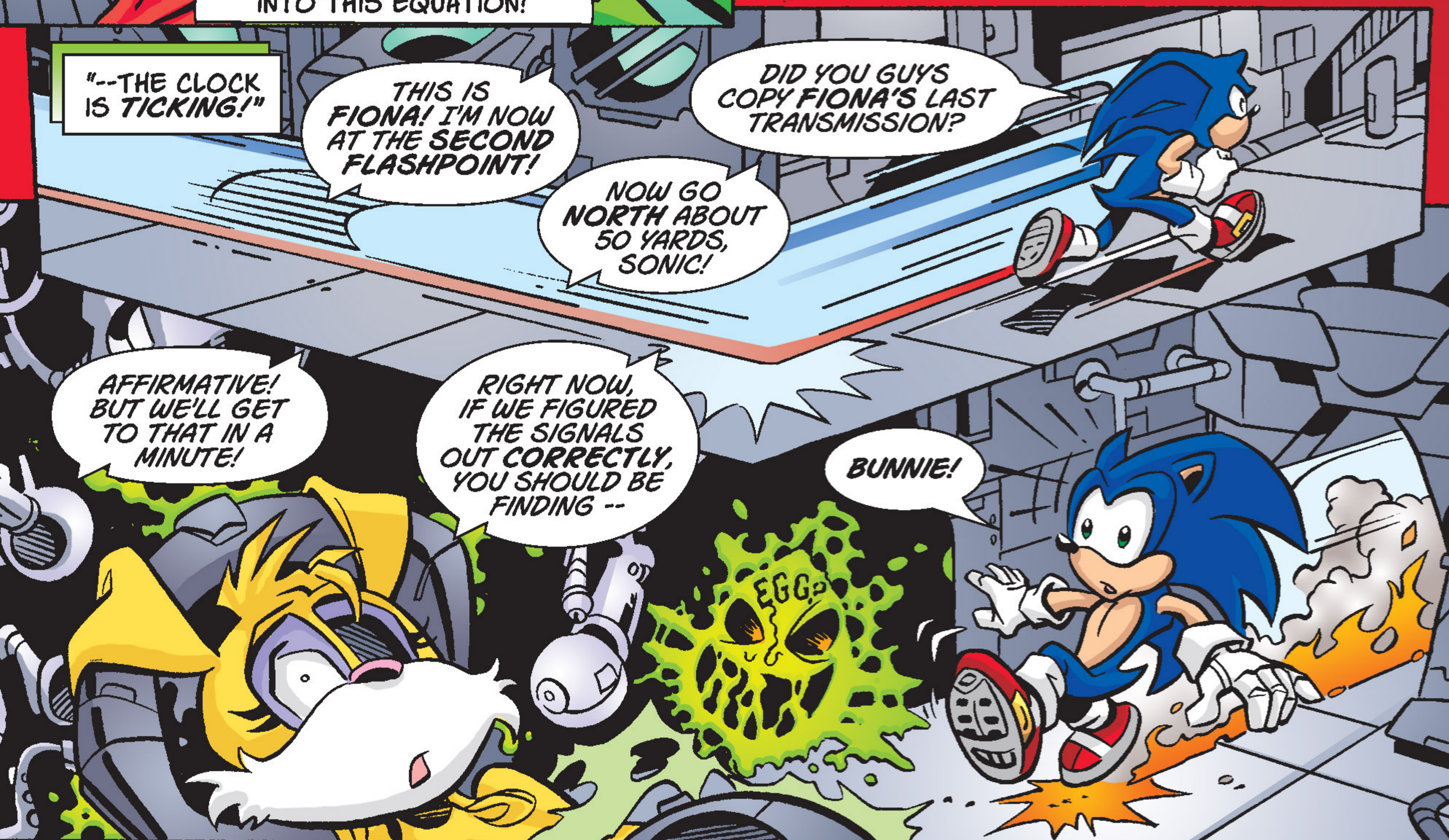


WOULD IT HELP IF I SAID I WAS ONLY DOING THIS TO GET REVENGE AGAINST A.D.A.M. AND DIDN'T GIVE A RAT'S BEHIND ABOUT THE REST OF YOU?

YEAH!

THAT YOU COULD SELL ME!

THEN, C'MON--



"--THE CLOCK IS TICKING!"

THIS IS FIONA! I'M NOW AT THE SECOND FLASHPOINT!

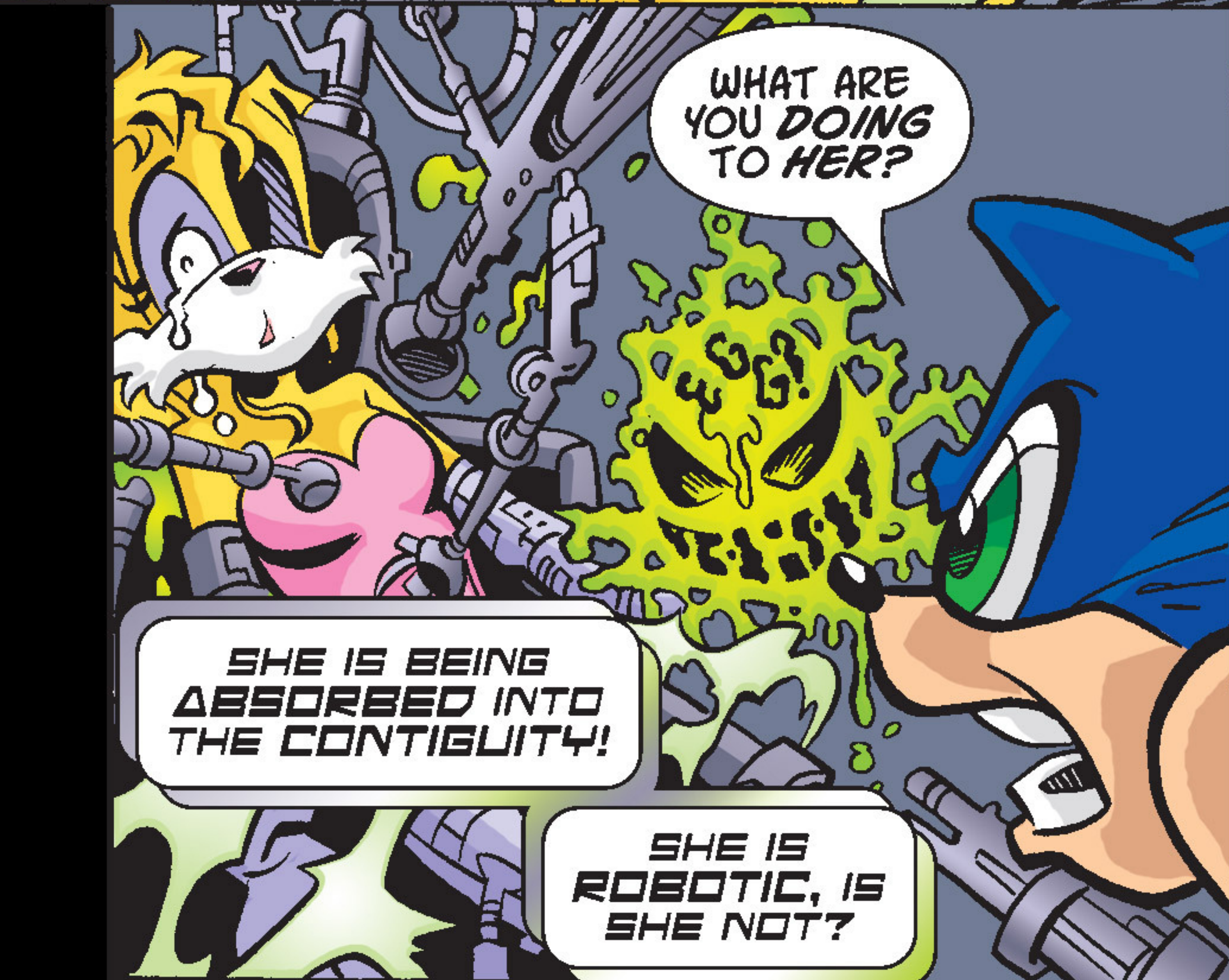
DID YOU GUYS COPY FIONA'S LAST TRANSMISSION?

NOW GO NORTH ABOUT 50 YARDS, SONIC!

AFFIRMATIVE! BUT WE'LL GET TO THAT IN A MINUTE!

RIGHT NOW, IF WE FIGURED THE SIGNALS OUT CORRECTLY, YOU SHOULD BE FINDING --

BUNNIE!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HER?

SHE IS BEING ABSORBED INTO THE CONTIGUITY!

SHE IS ROBOTIC, IS SHE NOT?



SHE'S NOT ROBOTIC, DORK! SHE'S BIONIC!

LOOK WHAT YOU DID TO THE FOREST!

YOU CAN'T ABSORB THAT!!!





THIS IS MINA!  
I'VE ARRIVED AT  
THE **THIRD**  
FLASHPOINT!

OH, GREAT!  
BUNNIE'S GONNA LOSE  
IT BECAUSE I WASN'T  
FAST ENOUGH!

HOLD ON, SON!  
I THINK I HAVE  
AN **ANSWER!**

THE **NANITES**  
**THOUGHT**  
**PROCESSES,**  
SONIC --  
THEY  
MUST BE  
**BINARY!**

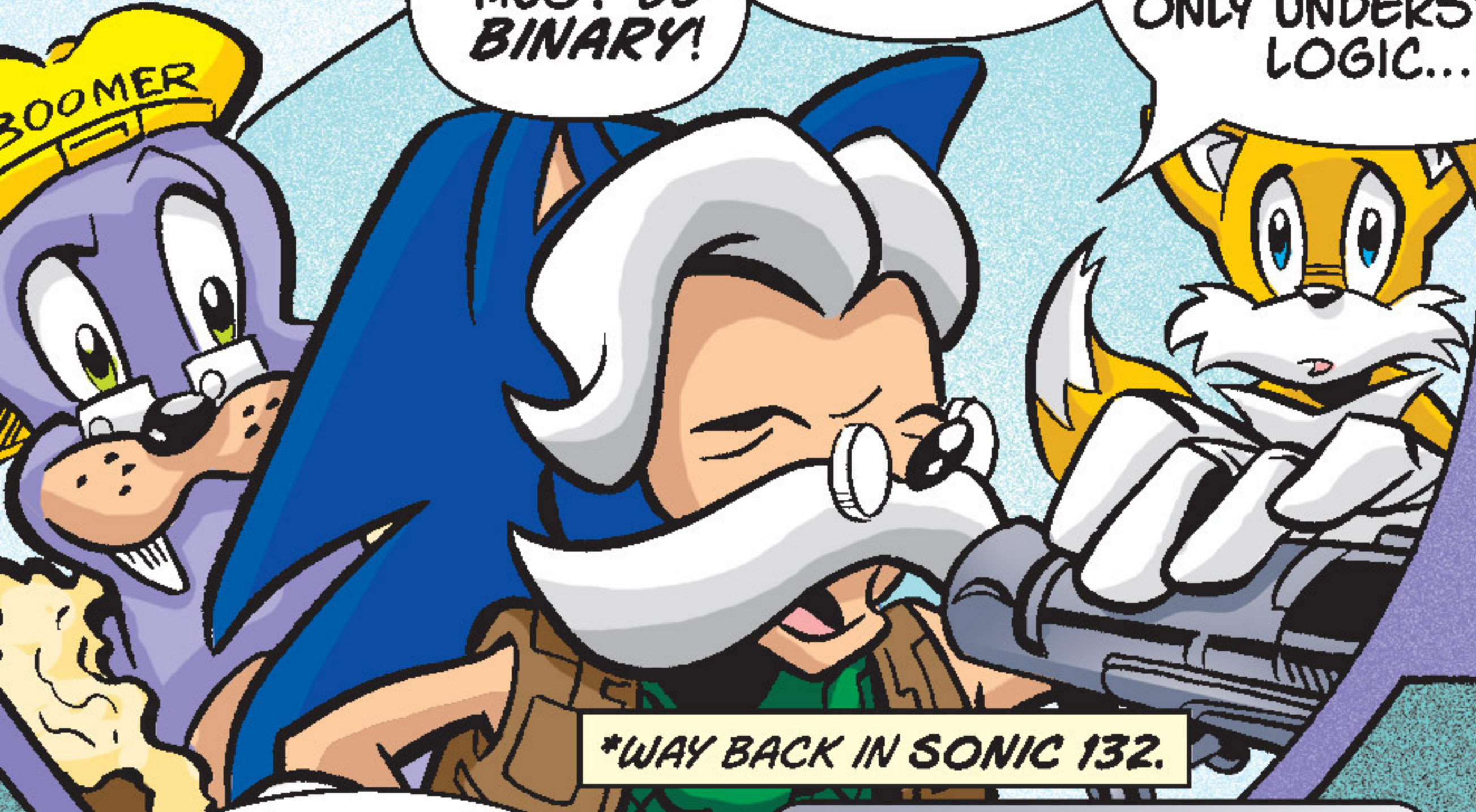
IN SIMPLER  
TERMS, THEY  
UNDERSTAND  
**ORGANIC** AND  
**INORGANIC** --

REMEMBER  
HOW TAILS  
FIRST CONFUSED  
A.D.A.M. WITH HIS  
JOKES? A.D.A.M.  
ONLY UNDERSTANDS  
LOGIC... \*

-- BUT  
HE DOESN'T  
COMPREHEND  
**MIXING** THE  
**TWO!**

**WHOO-HOO!**  
THANK YOU,  
UNCLE CHUCK!!!

**YO!** TO  
WHATEVER'S  
LISTENING  
IN --



\*WAY BACK IN SONIC 132.

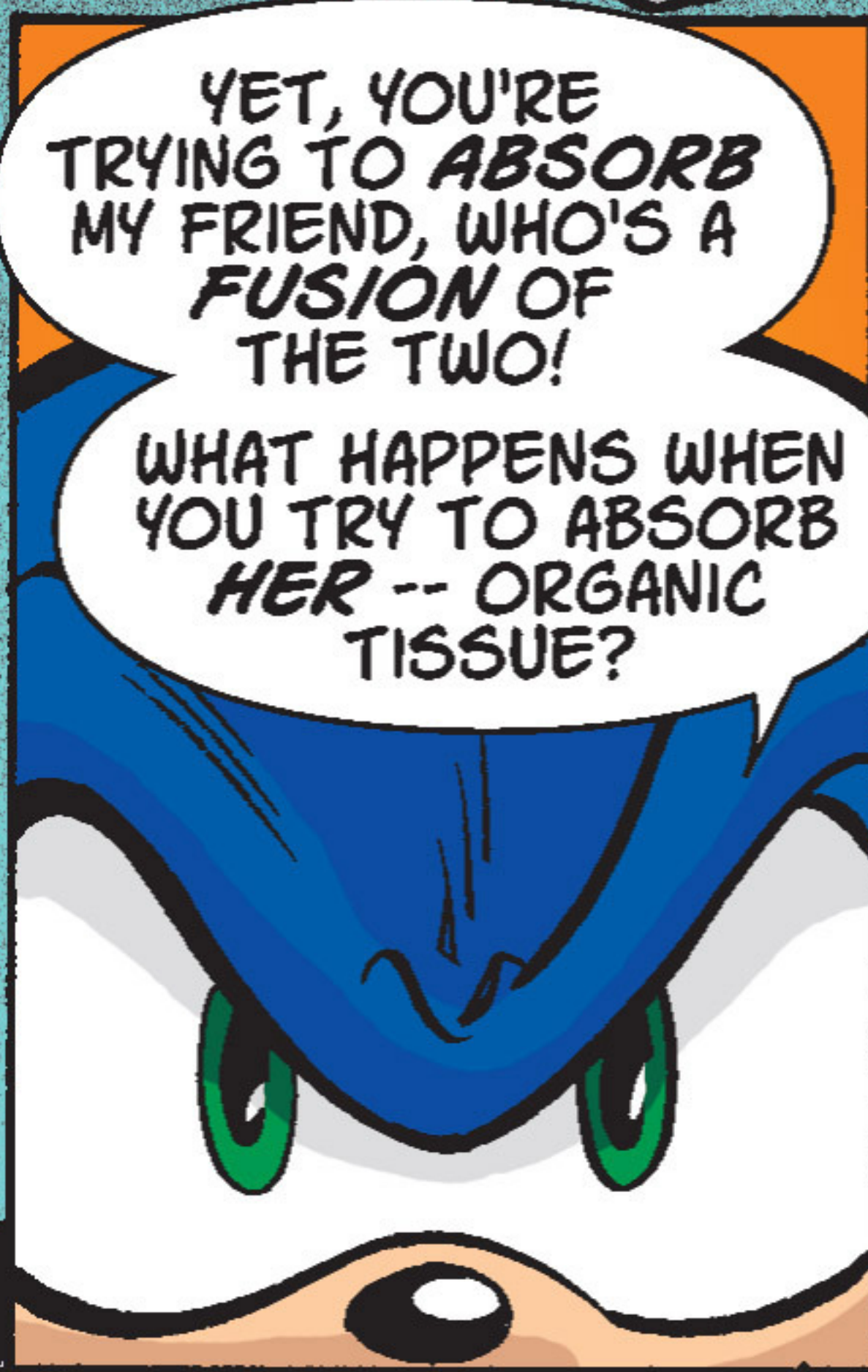


DOES YOUR  
**PROGRAMMING**  
INCLUDE BEING  
ABLE TO **WASTE**  
SOMEONE?

Y'KNOW,  
LIKE **SNIVELY**  
OR YOUR 'SIS  
**MECHA?**

**ORGANIC TISSUE IS**  
**NOT ADAPTABLE**  
**NOR DOES IT SERVE**  
**ANY PURPOSE TO**  
**THE CONTIGUITY!**

**ONE IS EITHER**  
**CARBON OR**  
**SILICON-BASED!**



YET, YOU'RE  
TRYING TO **ABSORB**  
MY FRIEND, WHO'S A  
**FUSION** OF  
THE TWO!

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN  
YOU TRY TO **ABSORB**  
**HER** -- **ORGANIC**  
**TISSUE?**

**ORGANIC**  
**TISSUE CANNOT**  
**BE ABSORBED BY**  
**THE CONTIGUITY!**

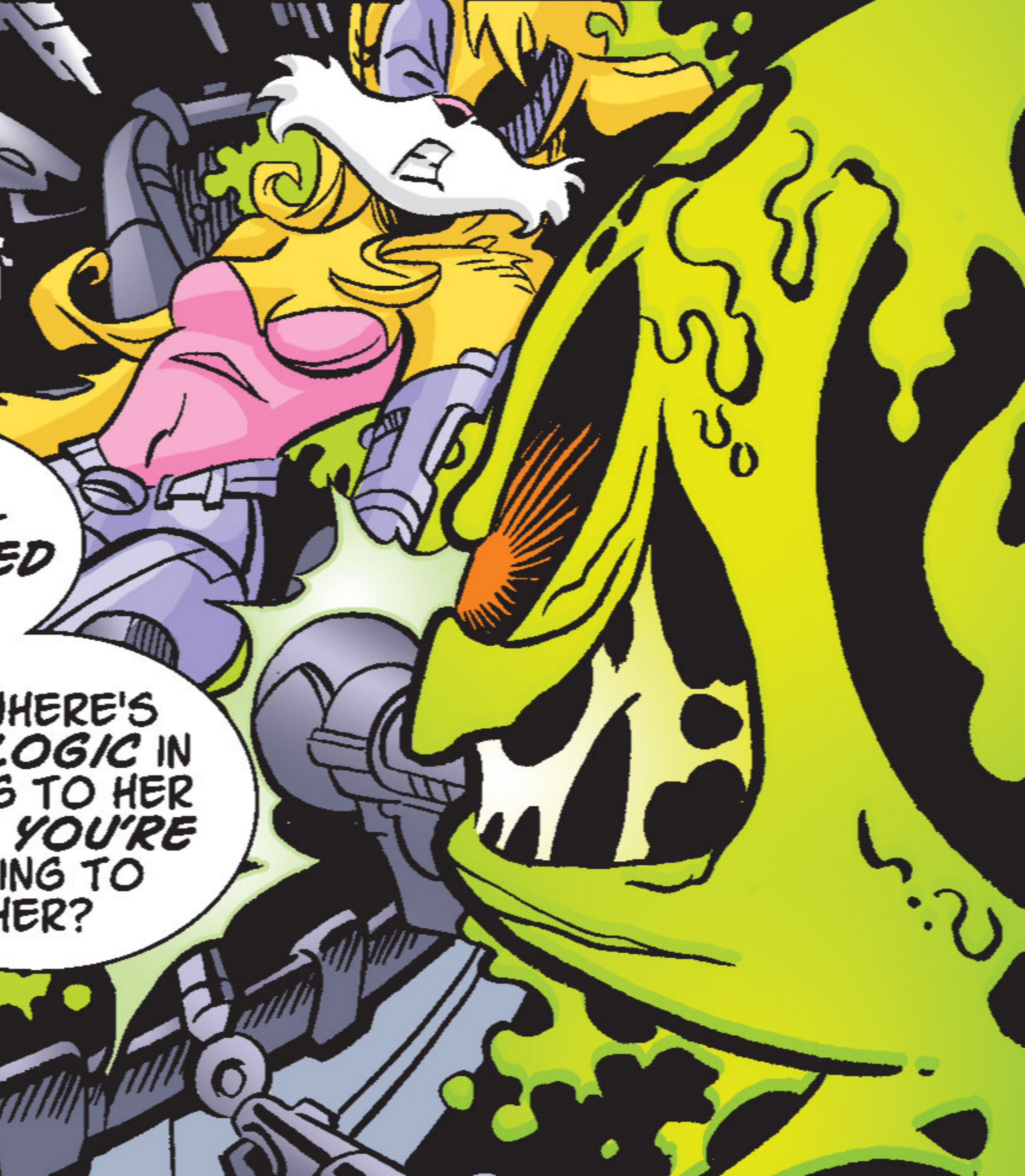


SINCE  
THE **CONTIGUITY**  
**CAN'T ABSORB**  
BUNNIE'S **ORGANIC**  
**TISSUE** --

-- AND  
SINCE SHE **CAN'T**  
SURVIVE **WITHOUT**  
HER **ROBOTIC**  
**LIMBS** --

-- EH,  
EXCUSE ME --  
**SILICON-BASED**  
**MATTER** --

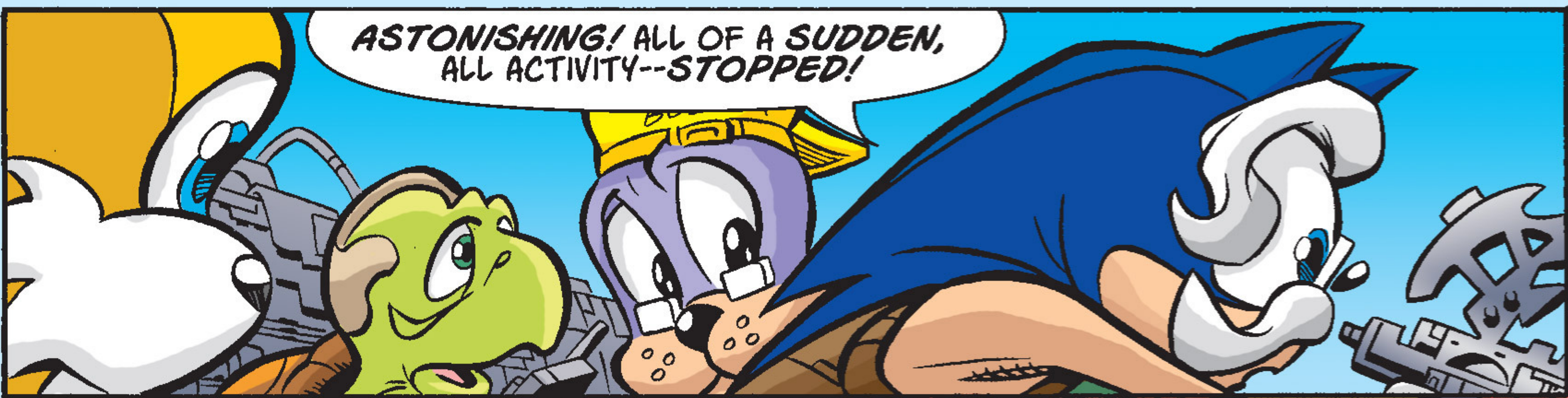
-- WHERE'S  
THE **LOGIC** IN  
DOING TO HER  
WHAT **YOU'RE**  
DOING TO  
HER?







WELL?



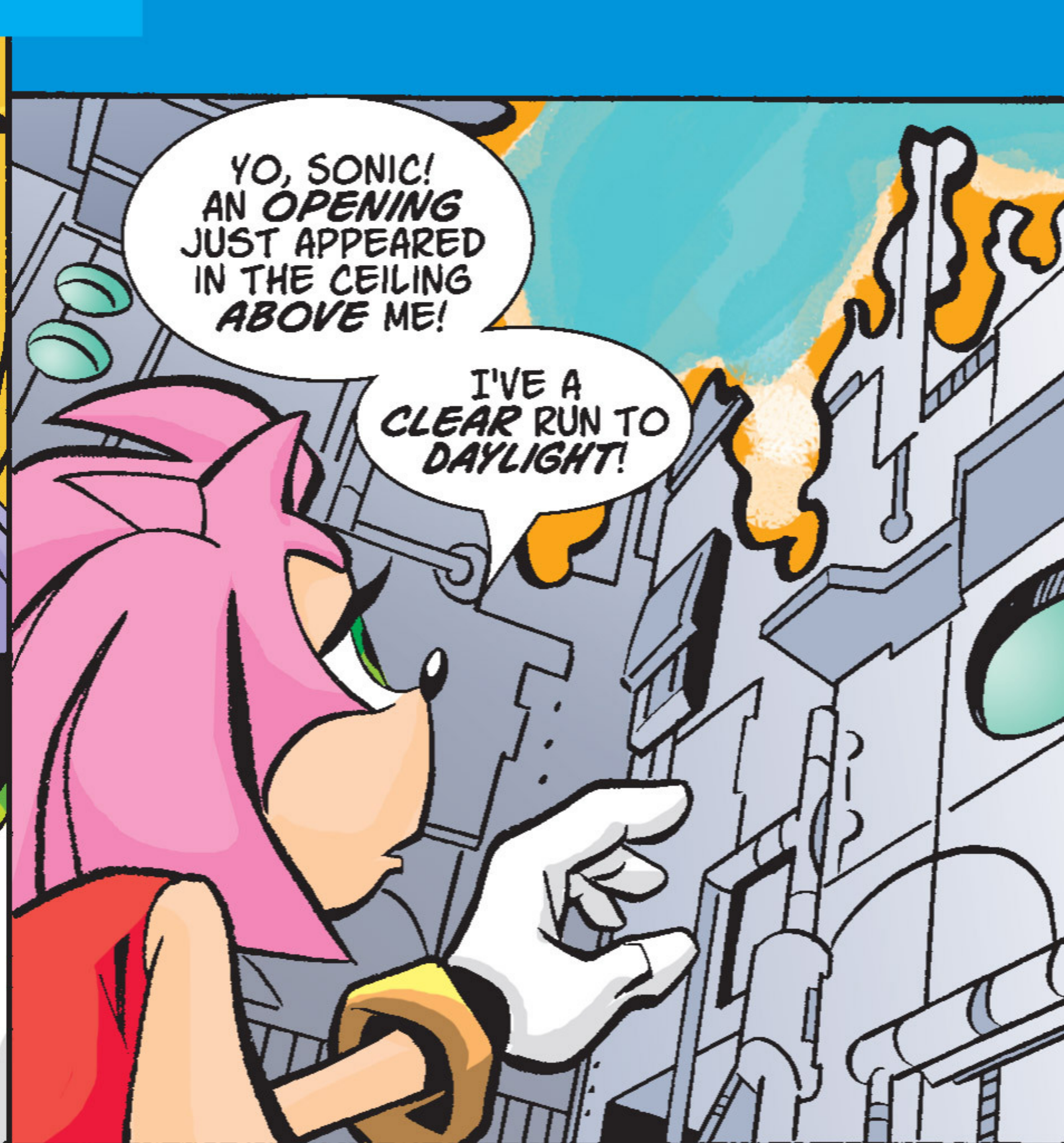




HEY!  
I JUST  
NOTICED!

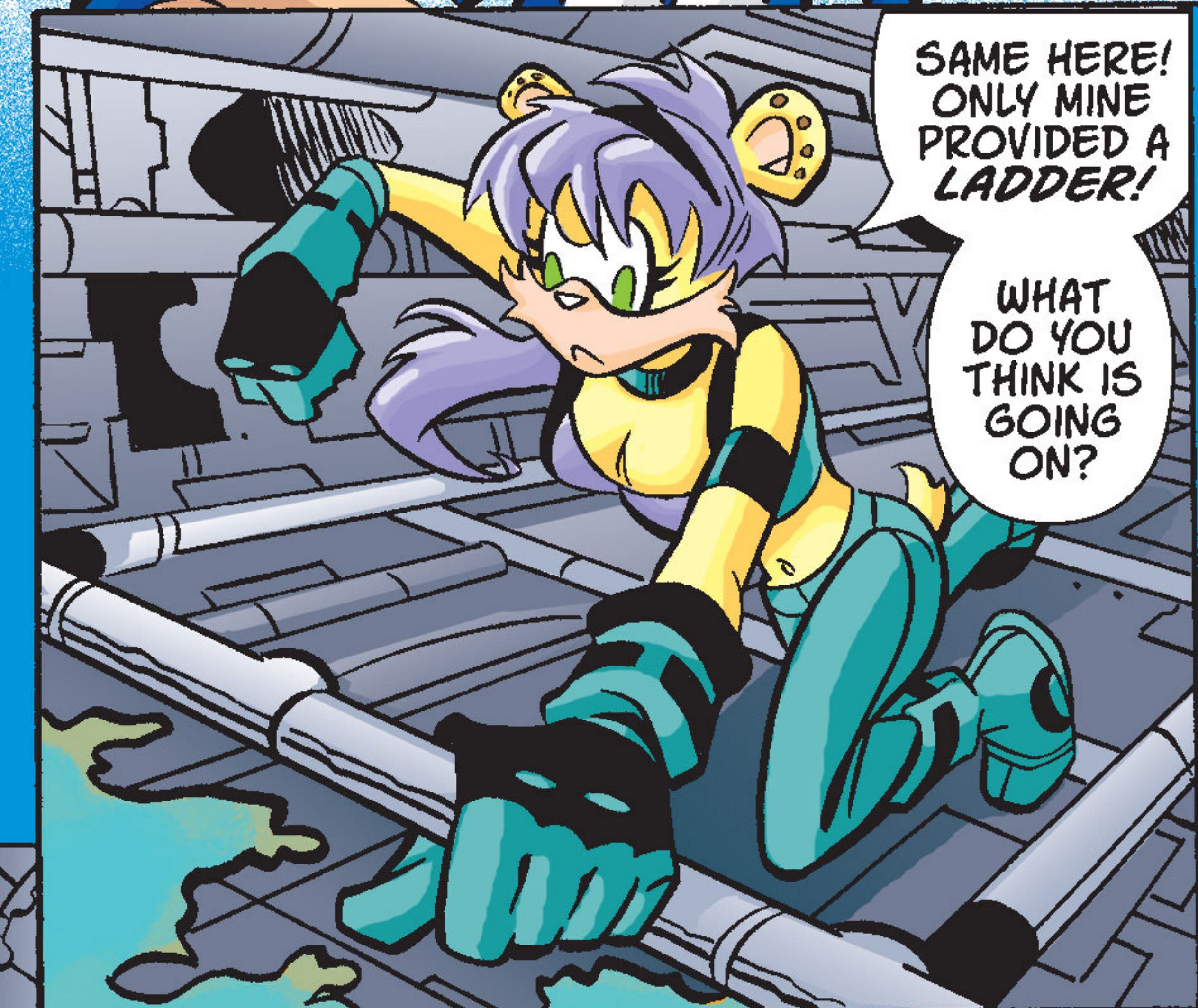
BACK INTO  
THE MOTHER-BOARD,  
I'D SAY!

WHERE  
DID THAT  
CREEPY-LOOKING  
CONTRAPTION  
GO?



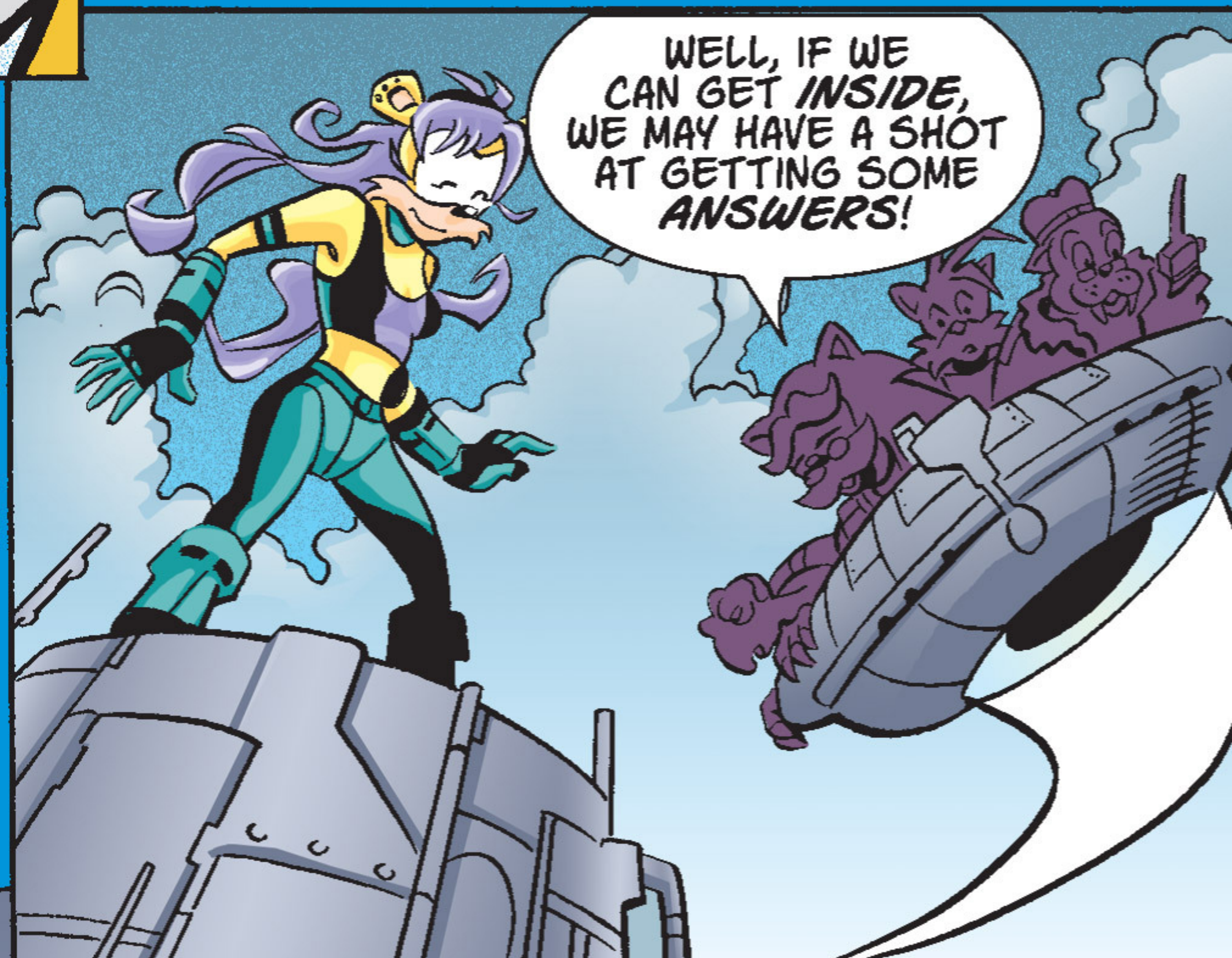
YO, SONIC!  
AN **OPENING**  
JUST APPEARED  
IN THE CEILING  
ABOVE ME!

I'VE A  
**CLEAR RUN TO**  
**DAYLIGHT!**

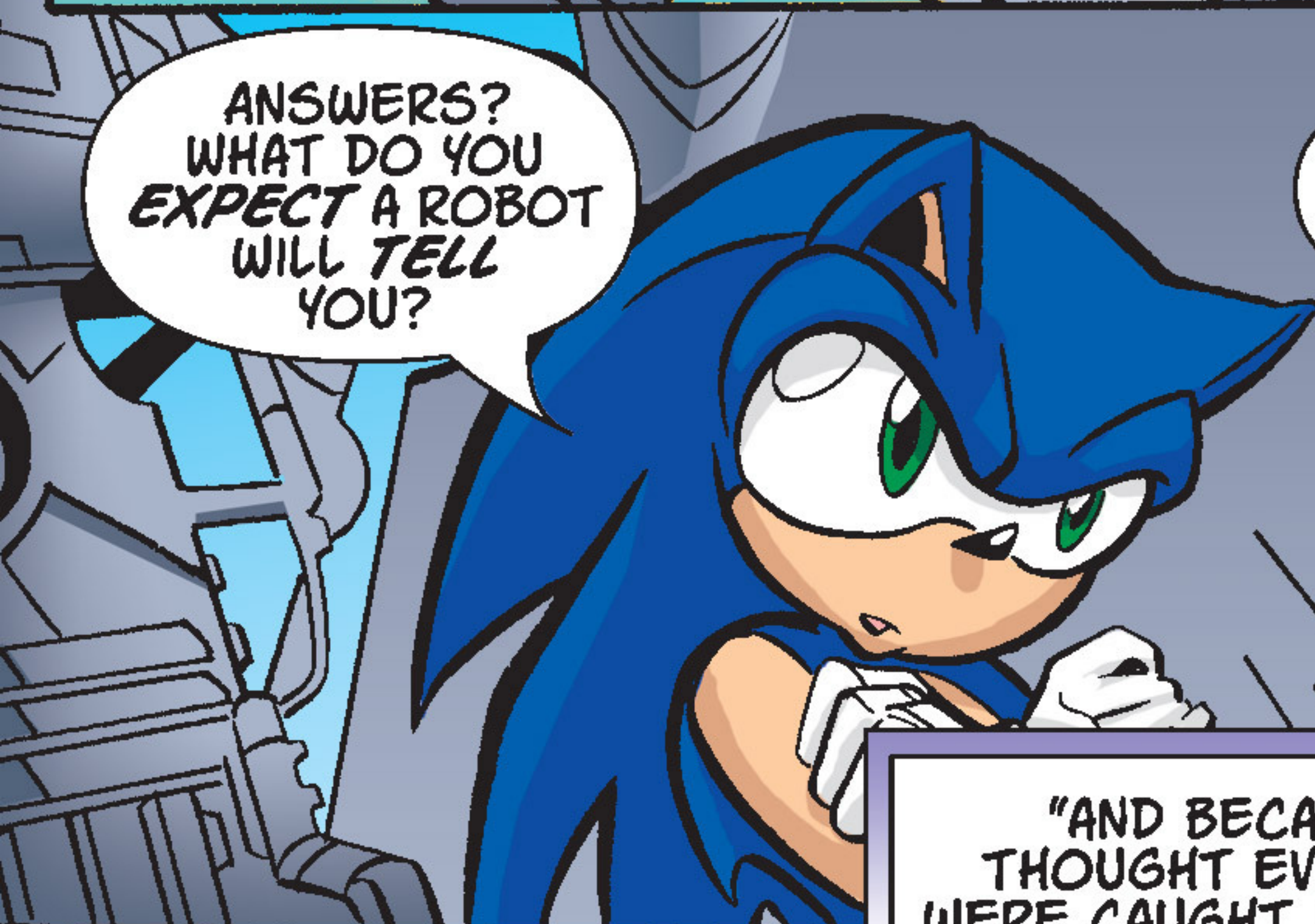


SAME HERE!  
ONLY MINE  
PROVIDED A  
**LADDER!**

WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK IS  
GOING  
ON?



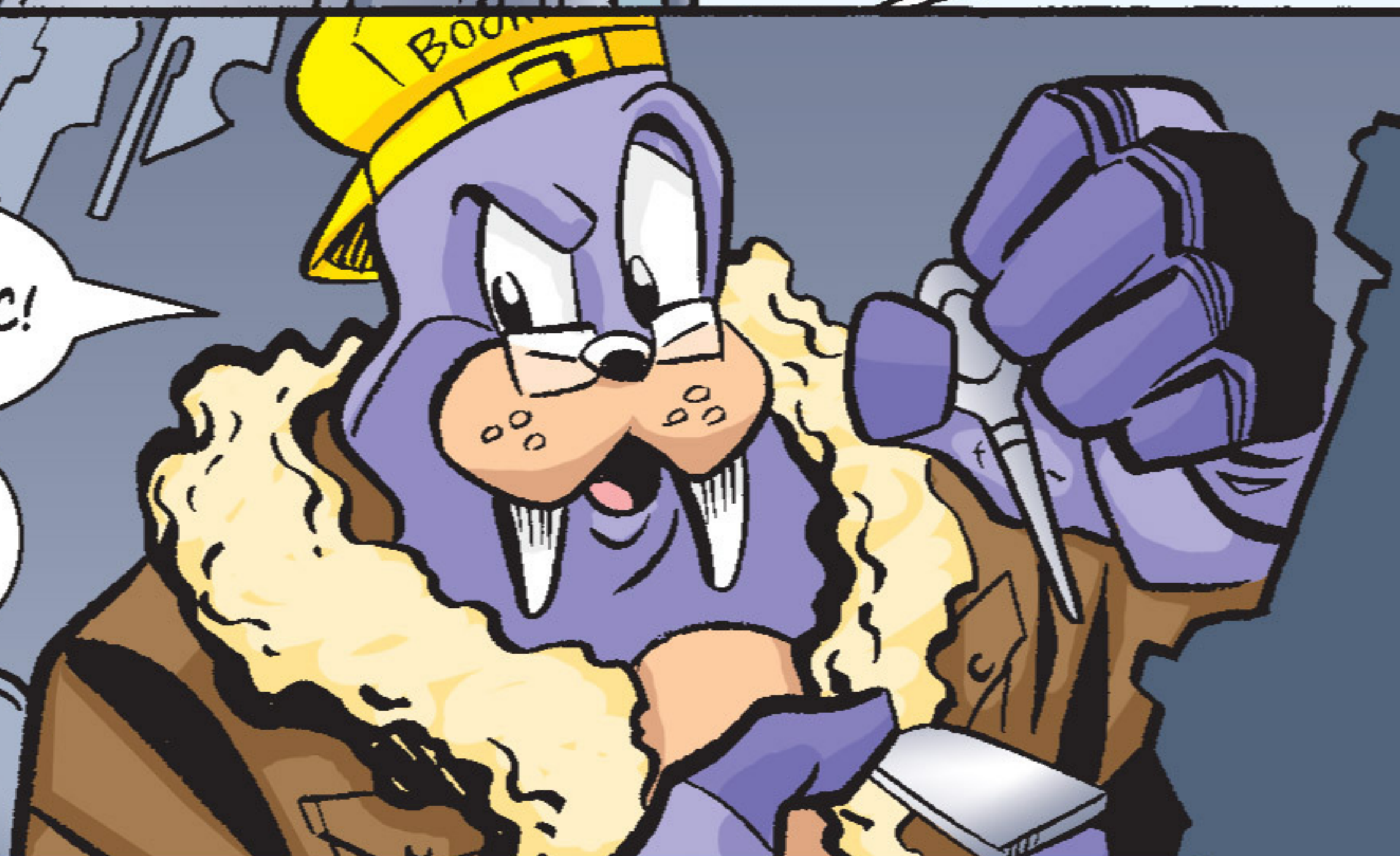
WELL, IF WE  
CAN GET **INSIDE**,  
WE MAY HAVE A SHOT  
AT GETTING SOME  
**ANSWERS!**



ANSWERS?  
WHAT DO YOU  
**EXPECT** A ROBOT  
WILL **TELL**  
YOU?

NOT  
ROBOT, SONIC!  
**NANITES!**

AND I  
SUSPECT  
A LOT!



"AND BECAUSE THEY WERE--**ARE**--CAPABLE OF **INDEPENDENT** THOUGHT EVEN WITHOUT A.D.A.M.'S INPUT, CHANCES ARE THOSE WHO WERE CAUGHT IN THEIR PATH DIDN'T SUFFER ANY SERIOUS HARM, EITHER."



"WHAT MAKES  
YOU SO **SURE?**"



I MEAN --

-- IF THESE **MICROSCOPIC COMPUTERS** POSED SUCH A **THREAT**, HOW COME THEY'RE NOW **HARMLESS**?



**HARMLESS??** TAKE A GOOD LOOK AROUND, SONIC!

IT'LL BE **DECADES** IF NOT **CENTURIES** BEFORE THE **ECOLOGICAL BALANCE** IS **RESTORED**!

THE **NANITES** PROBABLY HAD NO IDEA OF **CO-EXISTENCE** UNTIL THEY **ENCOUNTERED** BUNNIE!

A.D.A.M. COULDN'T HANDLE IT TOO WELL EITHER CONSIDERING HOW HE BOOTED **SNIVELY** FROM **ROBOTNIK'S** SIDE.

I GUESS BEING **UNIQUE** DOES HAVE ITS **ADVANTAGES**.

I'M JUST GLAD WE NEVER HAD TO RESORT TO **SNIVELY'S** **OPTION**!

SPEAKING OF WHICH, **WHERE** IS THE **LITTLE TWERP** ANYWAY?

NOW IF YOU EXAMINE THIS SAMPLE **ROTOR** TOOK, YOU CAN SEE **ACTIVITY** GOING ON, DESPITE THEIR SEEMING **DORMANCY**!

IF YOU CAN ESTABLISH A LINK, THEY MAY YET PROVIDE THE ANSWER TO BRINGING DOWN MY UNCLE ONCE AND FOR ALL!

SON, THERE MAY BE SOME **HOPE** FOR YOU YET!

SO, YOU TRUST ME FULLY?

KEEP HOPING.

AND ON THAT NOTE, WE TAKE OUR LEAVE OF THE **KNOTHOLE BRAIN TRUST**! NEXT ISSUE THE FUN AND ADVENTURE HITS A SOUR NOTE WITH A "**SONGOOSE**" WHEN A **WEASEL** WITH THE "**NACK**" DROPS IN!